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"And I'll tell it and think it and speak it and breathe it,
And reflect it from the mountain
so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Gore refuses to fold, but Bush appears to have advantage

by James P. Du Vernay '03
NEWS WRITER

On Wednesday, one day after a Circuit Court judge in Leon County refused to accept an immediate recount of 14,000 disputed votes, Vice President Al Gore's legal team filed an appeal with Florida's highest court to overrule Judge N. Sanders Sauls.

AP

Vice President Al Gore talks to reporters outside his home in Washington DC.

On Tuesday, Judge Sauls denied Gore's request for an immediate recount of 10,750 disputed ballots from Miami-Dade County and 3,300 from Palm Beach County. He also approved a request from Texas Governor George W. Bush that nearly one million ballots from those two counties be brought to Tallahassee for a Saturday ruling. More than 3 weeks after Election Day, the United States Presidential Election remains hotly debated.

Multiple appeals in state and federal court continue despite an official certification of Florida's vote on Monday, November 27th. Florida's State Elections Commissioner Katherine Harris certified a statewide machine-counted vote that indicated a Bush victory by 537 votes. Harris chose not to include manually recounted ballots from Palm Beach County. Election workers finished this recount about one hour after the deadline set by Harris, which she refused to extend.

George Bush gladly accepted the certification and began moving forward with plans for the presidential transition. His vice presidential running mate, Dick Cheney, announced Wednesday afternoon in Washington that the campaign had opened Bush-Cheney transition headquarters in suburban McLean, Va. He added that the campaign would use private funds to run the office until government money is available.

Despite the setback, Al Gore remains confident that he still has a "50-50" chance of ultimate victory. He believes a full and complete recount will prove he won the election in Florida. Nonetheless, some Gore supporters have begun to lose hope.

Jonathan Fiedler '02, Vice-President of the Hamilton College Democrats "believes there are unanswered questions about the election...but I wonder if it's time for Gore to call it quits."

Political scientists have predicted a variety of implications of this election. Although some believe it will weaken the power and prestige of the presidency, others see the potentially positive effect of requiring bipartisan government.

Fiedler noted that, "Bush has spoke of including Democrats in his cabinet, and I think he absolutely has to. His must be a bipartisan administration or it will be a 'do-nothing' administration."

With the myriad of court challenges pending, the December 12th deadline for selecting Florida's electors is rapidly approaching. If the courts leave the issue unresolved, the issue may *see Election, page 3*

Crowding in Burke Library has students and faculty concerned

by Christopher LaRosa '03
LAYOUT EDITOR

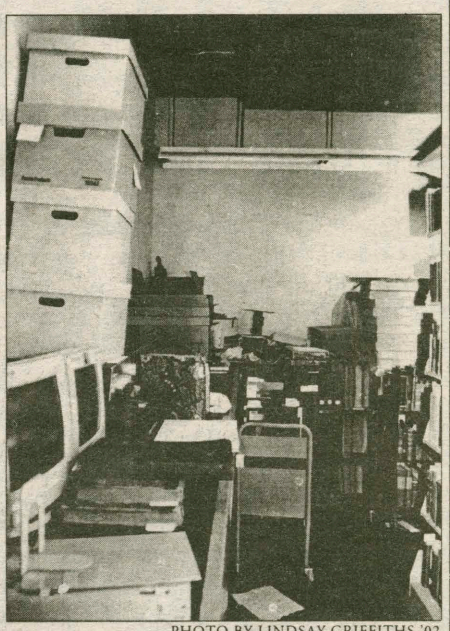

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Overcrowded storage at the Burke Library has limited access to the College's rare books collection.

Following the debut of the college's strategic plan, Promoting Hamilton's National Models of Excellence, concerns about the future of life on the hill have begun to surface thoughtout the community. Chief among these concerns is the plan's lack of an explicit role for the Burke Library and a solution to the crowding issues from which it suffers.

The building, opened in 1972, was designed to sustain the college's needs through the turn of the century. Today, the library is facing a space shortage, which is the product of a growing collection and a changing technological landscape.

Despite its centrality to academics at Hamilton, the library receives little attention in the college's strategic plan.

In the section titled "Implementing core strategies," the plan addresses the Burke library by stating, "...the future of academic sup- *see Burke, page 2*

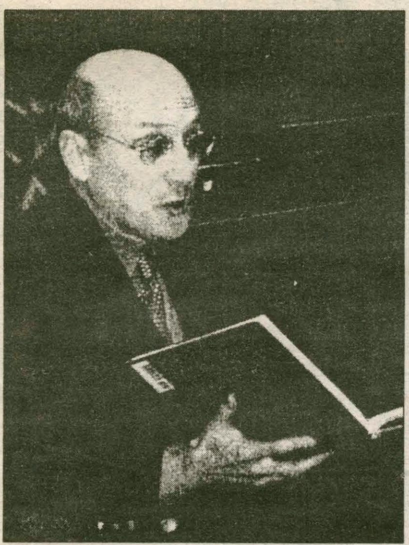

PHOTO BY CRISTEN SARGENT '01

In the holiday spirit President Tobin entertained students with a reading of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* Wednesday evening in Cafe Opus.

Social Norms policy revisited

by Ashley Lee '02
NEWS WRITER

Almost a year ago, the President's Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs waged the famous Social Norms Campaign. Last semester, the numbers 2/3=1/4, 63%, 61%, and 87% were hot topics of discussion on campus. This semester, however, the buzz has died down. In fact, those new to campus have little or no understanding of what these numbers refer to. If you fit into this group, fear not; you will soon be enlightened.

The Social Norms Campaign began in November 1998 when a random group of Hamilton students were surveyed about the amount of alcohol and other drugs they consume.

Based on the students' responses, the President's Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs came to the conclusion that Hamilton students overestimate the amount of alcohol consumed by their peers. The coalition believed that if they exposed this misconception the amount of alcohol consumed by Hamilton Students would decrease. This assumption is based on the belief that students will try to do what they think the majority of the campus is doing.

This is where the 2/3 = 1/4 comes in. The Coalition explained that according to the survey, "2/3 of the students drink 1/4 of the alcohol consumed on campus."

It is helpful, in trying to clarify these numbers, to apply them to a practical situation. Consider three Hamilton students and a twelve-pack of beer. Given the numbers, two of the students combined will consume three beers in total while the other student will consume nine beers.

While many have decided to focus on the student consuming 9 beers, this is not the purpose of the social norms campaign. According to the coalition, this student does not represent the majority of the campus.

In an interview last year, Bob Kazin, co-chairman of the Social Norms Campaign and director of the counseling and psychological services, explained, "The purpose of the campaign is to focus on the majority who are responsible and moderate in their behavior." He also explained that the coalition hopes that those who are not in the majority will adapt their behaviors.

While these were the initial objectives of the coalition, it seems that something has gone awry. Many students were proud to be part of the drunken minority. The Rugby team even made tee shirts that stated: "1/3=3/4, Doing our part for the Hamilton Community." When the campaign started, many members of the coalition thought it was a solid plan of action. So, what went wrong during the campaign?

Kazin explained that the coalition's original plan was to carry the campaign into this semester, but, due to staffing difficulties, it was unable to continue at full force. As a result, much of the necessary publicity was missing and students were left guessing and making up false statistics. When the coalition began working two years ago, they expected that when they resurveyed the campus in February 2001 that there would be a significant change in the students' responses. Now, however, with February just around the corner, members of the coalition are not as optimistic.

Kazin explained that because the alcohol policy is now more restrictive, it will be difficult to tell if student responses have changed because of policy or personal choice.

The coalition does plan to come back in full force next semester with new posters and means of conveying important statistics. These posters will include the same statistics as last year's posters: "63% of Hamilton Students drink once a week or less," "Half of our students consume 0-5 drinks in an average week," "The majority of Hamilton Students consume 0-5 drinks at a party," and "87% of Hamilton students have never cause property damage." Other information may also be included.

While it seems that the Social *see Social Norms, page 3*

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Rare books, science collection crowding Burke Library

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port facilities, one of the most critical of which is Burke Library, must be addressed. Subsequent iterations of this plan will be informed by the analysis of the library's needs that is being developed as part of the College's Middle States Reaccredidation Report."

President Eugene Tobin reiterates that a set of guidelines for the Library's future were not included in the first draft of the strategic plan because they were being developed as part of the Reaccredidation Report, stressing that there was no desire to publish two separate sets of guidelines. "The report will include everything from macro to micro including space issues, sharing of electronic and print information, and compact shelving," said Tobin.

"I am very pleased that [the library] has been identified as a focal point for reaccredidation by President Tobin," says College Librarian Randall Ericson. "Still, I would like to see a more direct statement [in the Strategic Plan] about how central the library is to the teaching and learning process that goes on here at the college."

While long-term planning of the library is under development, Ericson explains that an interim plan to move lesser-used books to a storage facility on Griffin Road near the Physical Plant buildings is under consideration. Students and faculty would have to submit requests for offsite texts and wait for scheduled delivery times under the plan being reviewed.

Exacerbating space issues in Burke, the planned construction of the new science building will be adding to the stress already placed on the Burke facility. Ericson explains, "We have some significant space issues. We've had to remove several bays of seating and install shelving. The science library needs to be absorbed into the collection. That's 50K volumes we don't have space for."

The idea of moving any books offsite has students and faculty concerned.

History Professor Kevin Grant details his concerns about offsite storage, "This move would undermine the college's intellectual life. First, students and faculty would have to wait for deliveries of books from our own collection, regardless of deadlines. Second, students and faculty would lose valuable opportunities to stumble upon useful texts as they browse the shelves. Finally, moving books off site will undermine faculty who use library research exercises in their classes."

Apparently, desperate times call for desperate measures. "It's not a desirable thing to do," says Ericson of moving books offsite. "I would be particularly concerned if too much off the collection was moved off-site. Up to 10 to 15 percent of the collection, but not more. It's something large research universities usually do, not small colleges."

Students are also concerned about the possibility of having books removed from regular circulation.

John Schuttinger '01 says, "I feel it would be extremely unbeneficial if any of the regular circulation books were removed from Burke."

Grant adds, "It strikes me as inexcusable for a college to be talking about 'strategy' at the same time that it breaks up its central library collection and sends books to off-site storage. I'm very concerned that this short-term solution will undermine the long-term development of the library as a 'strong and distinctive' part of the college. I view Burke as a first rate college library and I believe if this remains a backburner issue for 8 to 10 years it will become a second rate college library though no fault of the library staff."

Professor of History Robert Paquette is also concerned about the possible consequences that might result from offsite storage. "My fear is that any temporary structure will ultimately end up as a cost effective permanent structure," he says.

Another issue of concern is the creation of a suitably large space for Hamilton's expansive rare books collection.

"Few, even elite, colleges have a collection of rare books, much less multiple collections of rare books," says Paquette, referring to the Ezra Pound Collection and the Beinecke Lesser Antilles Collection.

Historically, the rare books collection have garnered attention for the college. In 1992 the National Endowment for the Humanities celebrated the quincentennial of Columbus's voyage at Hamilton in part due to the Beinecke collection, which is arguably the single most important collection of Eastern Caribbean texts in the world.

Current overcrowded storage renders much of the rare books collection inaccessible to

see ***Archive****, page 3*

How the Hamilton library 'stacks up' against elite colleges

Institution	Total Volumes	Acquisitions Expenditures
Pomona	1,342,288	$3,191,011
Wesleyan	1,161,832	$2,310,510
Bowdoin	901,589	$1,466,407
Amherst	889.989	$1,470,328
Williams	834,803	$1,676,209
Wellesley	744,669	$1,719,359
Carleton	706,950	$1,273,708
Swathmor	701,134	$1,292,251
Middlebury	590,175	$1,450,624
Hamilton	**546,816**	**$1,303,555**
Haverford	513,444	$873,587

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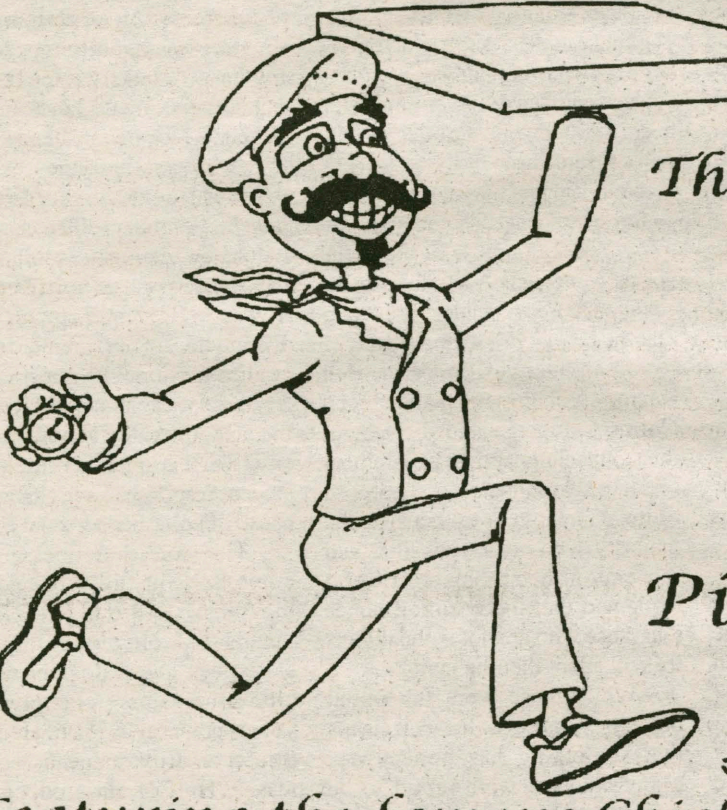

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Student Assembly Platforms

Presidential Platforms

Ray Ash and Deenah Byramjee

Need more funding? Do you want more out of Town Hall meetings? Would you like a place to hang out? Do you know who can get it all done? Hello Hamilton student body, we are Ray and Deenah, and we want your vote. We are the most experienced candidates running for President and Vice President of the Student Assembly. We have a combined total of four years experience, three as Class Representatives and one as Class President. We will make Student Assembly work for you by improving its overall visibility, increasing club funding, and improving the efficiency of Town Hall meetings to make you better represented. Further concerns of ours are to improve student-faculty-administration communication as well as increasing the studentsí awareness of the various committees and possible student outlets in order to get things accomplished on campus. A large project that we will focus on for the year will be to create and adopt a working and enjoyable resolution to the ELS building in order to better serve the students. We believe that we are the best candidates, and we ask that you go out and participate in the vote on December 6th. Thank you very much.

Anthony J. LiVecchi and Redell Armstrong

Redell and I want to make Hamilton a better place for every student who walks along Martin,s Way or parties in Bundy Dining Hall. We want Hamilton to meet the desires of its students and then exceed them. Redell and believe that we are the two best people to make Hamilton the best it can be. But we need your support. Both Redell and I have worked for Hamilton. I hold an office in the Disability Action Group, I was appointed by the Student Assembly President to the Internet Technology Committee, and appointed by President Tobin to the Diversity Task Force. I served the Hamilton Community my freshmen year as the Secretary/Treasurer. After taking a semester off from Student Assembly I have reflected on what needs to be kept but more importantly what needs to be changed. Student Assembly needs to have an increased role in student life. More town hall meetings, better communication with faculty and administrators, and a working relationship with a diverse and broad group of students are what Redell and I will strive for. But we cannot do it alone. Vote AJ LiVecchi and Redell Armstrong on December 6th.

Brenna Chiaputti and Alex Venizelos

There are several issues that Alex and I would like to accomplish as vice president and president of student assembly. We realistically en

Brenna Chiaputti and Alex Venizelos cont.

vision an aggressive term that involves the entire Hamilton community. Because of our past participation in student politics we realize that to be successful we must be persistent in our proposals, and willing to communicate effectively with administration, students, and other office holders. Your voice will be heard. We believe that we possess the determination, people skills, and diligence to lead the student assembly successfully. Our primary goals are as follows: We want to establish a stronger student voice in administrative decisions. We feel that decisions and policies that effect the social and academic lives of students should involve them. We want to improve social life on campus. We feel that there are not currently enough options for students socially. We recognize the popularity and success of such events as Acoustic Coffee House, Yodapez, Bobby Peru and performances by Dispatch etc. and we would like to offer more of these types of alternatives to bars and Greek-sponsored parties. We are driving for more direct communication between students and administration.

CCC Chair Platforms

Lindsey Martin

I respectfully accept my nomination in the current election for Community Conference Committee Chair. I believe that the recent social climate of the school and the antagonisms between the students and administration demand that the chair and committee take an unprecedented assertive role in both student and administrative affairs. In all of the strategic planning rhetoric and paranoia about becoming one of the more elite colleges in America I fear that the concerns of the student body and student organizations risk being overwhelmed by the intent to meet certain standards and qualifications that are determined by outside authority.

Krank Kelleher

The position of CCC chair is one that requires the ability to work well with others as well as to communicate and lead effectively. As an executive officer of the Outing Club, the largest student-run organization on campus, I feel that that I have the necessary skills to lead the CCC in a positive direction. As a nominee, I envision increased communication among student organizations on campus, as well as centrally located offices for each organization. If elected, I will strive to realize these goals and to enhance the overall operation of student organizations at Hamilton.

Keith Foster

Hello. My name is Keith Foster (03) and I am running for CCC chair. During my three semesters at Hamilton, I have participated in various campus and community organizations and interacted with members of staff, faculty, and administration. This year, I was on the steering committee for Adler Conference. I have heard campus issues from different levels and viewpoints and I have observed that students are displeased with the lack of activities on campus, relationships among peers, and relationships between administration in terms of communicating social interests. The CCC acts as a liaison between the student body and administration

2004 Class Rep Platforms

Rob Parker

My name is Rob Parker and I hope to be one of our class representatives. I am currently on three committees working with current members of Student Assembly to better our school. We're working hard to get a student union, improve student-faculty communication, ensure the proper take over of Barnes and Nobles and improve the laundry facilities in the dorms. If anyone would like more specifics about these ideas, please talk to me or any of the the current Student Assembly members. Lastly, I will work for what you want. Thank you and please vote Rob Parker this December.

Liz Backer

Liz Backer stands for:

- Student involvement in college policy making
- Inclusive social activities
- Appreciation for and preservation of our Hamilton campus

Liz Backer cont.

- A social honor code
- Proving the members of the Freshman class are not "nasty, whiny brats"

I have attended student government meetings and am aware of the challenges that the Hamilton community faces. I look forward to hearing what your ideas are so that together we can promote the best interests of the class. Thank you.

Kylie Gibson

My name is Kylie Gibson and I would like to be your 2004 class representative. As part of Student Assembly, I will work to make Hamilton a close-knit community where student views are acted upon, not just heard. The school year is already underway, and although people are generally happy here, most feel the college life at Hamilton is not living up to its full potential. This can change, and it starts with the leaders and representatives of your class. I will work hard in the best interests of the community to make Hamilton a fun place for all.

Elizabeth Brown

Top Five Reasons Why Liz Brown Should Be Elected Class Representative.

5.) She is someone who will listen to you problems and even try to do something about it.

4.) She is going to fight for increased lighting and safety on campus.

3.) If you are running late all the time like she is, her plan for more clocks on campus might help you out too.

2.) She plans to increase the communication between students and the board so you can get a say in how your college is run.

1.) She wants to get more fun social programs that don't have to involve alcohol.

Professor eyes Sig House for archive

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students and faculty pursuing research.

Schuttinger, who is making use of the rare book collections in his senior thesis, believes moving the collection to its own building would be a good idea. "The only way I see this [idea of moving books out of Burke] as being beneficial to the college and to the students is if the books moved are the rare books collection. However, I do not feel it would be appropriate to have them moved off campus. These books are extremely precious and "rare" and the less they are moved the better. A small building on campus would be much more appropriate. Our rare books collection is very expansive and should get its own building. Possibly a small building adjacent to the library."

Paquette would like to see the former Sigma Phi House renovated to house the collection of rare texts. "Given the aesthetics and location, I can't think of a more suitable repository for our treasures," he says of the house.

While plans for the Burke building's renovations are taking a back seat to the highly publicized science building renovation underway, Ericson believes that "The library has been considered and is now considered central to the academic endeavor. The library is the common laboratory space for all disciplines."

Sizing constraints aside, the library at Hamilton seems especially relevant to the unique purpose of the strategic plan to increase Hamilton's stature amount competing colleges.

Grant points to the discrepancy between Hamilton and other colleges in terms of collection size and library expenditures. "It's safe to say that the resources of a college library have a great deal to do with the quality of a college. The numbers indicate that the Hamilton collection is significantly smaller than all but one of the pre-eminent liberal arts colleges. Moreover, Hamilton's expenditures on acquisitions are less than all but three of the pre-eminent colleges."

Tobin assures that library funding will be addressed in near future. "Burke will be a key component of the next capital campaign (after the completion of the New Century Campaign at the end of this year)," he said.

Colgate tragedy reinvigorates social norms policy

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Norms Campaign encountered some initial problems, it is by no means over. In light of the recent tragedy at Colgate, it is obvious that alcohol remains a problematic issue on college campuses. Kazin made it clear that Hamilton, and the coalition in particular, were not planning to abandon their fight. So, break out your calculators.

Election in limbo

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be handed to the state legislature to decide. Fiedler warned of the sensitive nature of the various scenarios.

"Balance of power is one of the most important elements of our government. We need to very carefully make sure that the courts do not usurp power from the legislature."

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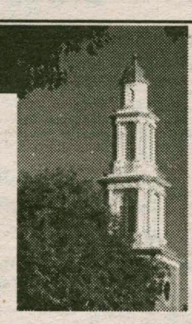

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

FIFA launches university course

LEICESTER, England (AP) — Just call it Soccer U.

FIFA launched a university course Wednesday aimed at producing club owners and administrators of the future.

Twenty-four students from around the world joined FIFA secretary general Michel Zen-Ruffinen at De Montfort University for the official start of a Masters of Arts program in management, law and humanities of sport.

Students will spend their first term in Leicester studying the history, culture, sociology and ethics of sport. The second term will take place at the Business School of Bocconi University in Milan, Italy, where the students will study sports management.

The final term, focusing on law and sport, will be taught at the International Center for Sports Studies at the University of Neuchatel in Switzerland.

Beaver College changes name

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Beaver College, aiming to shed a source of ridicule and boost enrollment, unveiled Monday a new school name that's seemingly satire-proof: Arcadia University.

The decision was announced just after midnight at a surprise pajama party for students, who were rounded up from residence halls with less than an hour's notice.

"Arcadia University reflects our foundation and the kind of learning environment we aim to foster," President Bette E. Landman said.

AP

A Beaver College sign is seen on campus.

Much has changed about the college since it was founded in 1853 as a small women's college in western Pennsylvania's Beaver County. For starters, the school is no longer in Beaver — moving across the state to suburban Philadelphia in 1925.

And then, there were all those jokes.

Landman said in a letter earlier this year that the old name "too often elicits ridicule in the form of derogatory remarks pertaining to the rodent, the TV show 'Leave It to Beaver' and the vulgar reference to the female anatomy."

Beaver College has appeared on David Letterman's Top 10 list. Conan O'Brien and Howard Stern have made jokes about it. And when "Saturday Night Live" writers invented an annoying film critic for a recent sketch, they made him a representative of Beaver College campus radio.

The college's own research shows the school appeals to 30 percent fewer prospective students solely because of the name. And the problems worsened with the rise of the Internet, since some Web filters intended to screen out sexually explicit material blocked access to the Beaver College Web site.

Former ambassador returns to college

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — When Anne Martindell was 18, her father made her quit college for fear she would become too educated to find a husband.

Now, at the age of 86, the former U.S. ambassador to New Zealand and New Jersey state senator is back at Smith College, completing the degree that was interrupted nearly seven decades ago.

"I believe in finishing what you start," the most-senior member of Smith's junior class says with just a hint of a grin.

Then she speaks more quietly about a lack of perspective, a void, that a lifetime of voracious reading — and an instinctive touch with people — could not completely fill.

"I did a lot of things, but I was always learning on the job," she said. "I didn't do badly, because I was good at picking my staff and asking their advice.

Still, Martindell said she had to lean on her staff more than she would have liked, because she didn't have the benefit of the theoretical experience they gained in college.

"Even now, one of the criticisms my professors have is that I don't analyze enough," she said. "And it's probably true. All my life, I've always relied on my instincts. Many politicians do."

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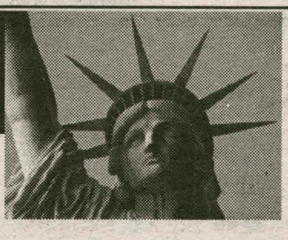
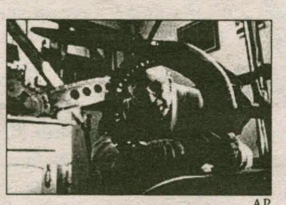


Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Chain saw collections offer history

EAST LONGMEADOW, Mass. (AP) — Let other people collect stamps and coins. Robert Ouellette prefers snarling, splinter-spitting pieces of machinery that inspire mass-murder flicks.

Ouellette collects chain saws, and he has 43 of them so far.



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Ouellette with one piece of his collection.

He keeps them carefully stacked on wooden shelves in the loft of his barn. Running his finger along the rusty housing of one model, he says wistfully: "Cleaned up, prettied up, that could have a sense of beauty."

There are maybe no more than several dozen avid chain saw collectors in the land. Many have sold or used chain saws as dealers or loggers.

"These guys have a real affinity for the tools they use," says George Kirkmire at the Washington Contract Loggers Association in Olympia, Wash.

Ouellette, 76, a sturdy offshoot of French Canadian stock, used to own a chain saw store and began collecting during the oil shortages of the 1970s. Customers intent on cutting their own firewood would lug in their old machines, hoping to notch a few dollars off the price of a new one.

"They were coming in with some screwy things — old monsters that I'd never seen," Ouellette says.

Most of the old chain saws had little cash value. But it occurred to Ouellette that some might be worth keeping as curiosities.

Today, he has chain saws from as far back as the late 1940s. His machines weigh 12 to 200 pounds, with blades 1 to 5 feet long. Ouellette has preserved chain saws that illustrate stages — or curious twists — in their evolution.

New York City ponders rat problem

NEW YORK (AP) — Some big cheeses held a summit Wednesday at Columbia University on how to get rid of the rats that seem to be overrunning New York City.

"Twenty years ago this city had a concerted effort to fight rats," rat expert Randy Dupree said somewhat wistfully. "That stopped, and now we've seen a burgeoning of the rodent population. What we need is everyone to join in on a war on rats."

About 250 rat-weary citizens turned out for the Rat Summit, at which academics, health officials, politicians and bureaucrats focused on Public Enemy No. 1 — Rattus norvegicus, commonly known as the Norwegian rat.

"Rat rage" appears to be on the rise in New York. At a recent rally on the steps of City Hall, demonstrators chanted such slogans as, "One rat, two rat, three rats, four, everywhere I look there's more and more."

The city now has two official rat hot lines and a new City Council committee that focuses specifically on vermin, and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani has designated an official as the city's "rat czar."

"We make unprecedented efforts to kill rats," Giuliani said. "We kill more of them than any place else. We probably lead the country in rat killing."

City Councilman Bill Perkins proposed banning the city's wire-mesh trash receptacles because they make it easy for rats to get to the garbage.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Lhota, the rat czar, urged everyone to be more sanitary.

FAA: Pig allowed to fly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — US Airways acted reasonably when it allowed a pig to fly first class from Philadelphia to Seattle, the Federal Aviation Administration found.

Maria Tirotta Andrews brought Charlotte, her 300-pound Vietnamese potbellied pig, on the flight Oct. 17, telling the airline it was a "therapeutic companion pet." Andrews said her heart condition was so severe she needed the pig to relieve stress.

"US Airways and its personnel acted in a reasonable and thoughtful manner, based on a legitimate request to transport a qualified individual with a disability and her service animal," said FAA spokesman Jim Peters.

Under federal rules, airlines must permit a service animal to accompany passengers to their seats.

The airline allowed the pig into first class for free.

Hamilton College Referendum: Creating a Hamilton College Movie Channel(s)

Intro: Over 500 Institutions of Higher learning across the nation have a "school movie channel" built into their cable system. What this means, is that over a closed-circuit school station, these schools show various movies to the student population available in all student rooms. With the advent of Cable at Hamilton College, the Student Assembly would like to propose in conjunction with Swank Motion Pictures Inc, to provide the students of Hamilton College with this social option movie service. This service would be available to all facilities across the campus, including student rooms, the Little Pub, ect.. The cost per student at Hamilton College would be minimal. It would cost $0.85 per student per month to have this service at Hamilton, which would provide 16 movie titles a month. The Plan:

Swank Motion Pictures Inc, has agreed to provide Hamilton College with 16 different movie titles a month. These movies can include: * all new releases - which would help improve the social attitude on campus and provide alternative options to the student body * This company can provide the faculty with educational videos - this would support the Academic Mission of the school Many of our competitor schools contract out with Swank Motion Pictures Inc and have the same plan that is presented here - Colgate, Tufts, Boston College, U-Mass Amherst, Hartwick.

Our ITS and AV Departments have acknowledged that we will have the technology services available to run this service.

Why We Should Do This: A new technological force is coming to campus, and we can take advantage of its power to further the stated mission of Hamilton College, the Student Assembly, Residence Life and much more.

Our new campus cable brings with it not just quality entertainment, but also the opportunity to create and schedule our own channel. With the help of the fine staff at Information Technology (and a vcr or two) we plan to tap directly in to this valuable communication vehicle.

The first paragraph of our Mission includes, as a goal, "to incorporate information resources in innovative ways to enhance teaching, learning, and social operations for students." We can think of no better way to support this mission than by providing an effective and attractive means to deliver valuable programming. That vehicle is our cable system. It goes into our rooms so information will be at our fingertips, it goes into our lounges providing us with the opportunity to gather in a social way.

Because we plan to program popular feature films like The Grinch, Remnber The Titians, Gladiator, The Patriot and 102 Dalmations, we are virtually assured that a high percentage of the student population will be in attendance. Our lounges will become a valuable setting for the Residence Life staff to "address the developmental issues facing students at different times during their college years". (item "4." of the Residence Life Mission.)

Residence Life can meet and exceed their of goal to "support the educational mission of the college through integration of ... out of class experiences." We can easily partner with the faculty to coordinate attractive programming that supports their syllabus. Consider The Matrix in conjunction with Computer Science, The Green Mile for Criminal Justice, and The Nutty Professor with Chemistry. This is being done very effectively at places like Colgate University and Boston College.

Our efforts will be geared to support other departmental events on campus as well. Since we will have the "eyes and ears" of students because of popular programming, nothing will stop us from enhancing the attendance at big screen movies by advertising their showings on our channel. Imagine that 95% of students on campus actually see that an event is planned. That's the coverage at University of Memphis, where their staff creatively places important information near movies to make sure the campus population is well informed.

The opportunities are endless. On the channel will be important information about life here at Hamilton. Professors can deliver brief messages dealing with their curriculum. RA's can prompt issues based group discussion and the entire campus life community can come together. And we will have movies, glorious movies. The Cost:

• Option A: $0.85 per student per month (school year) = $7.65 per student a year This cost could be added to the Student Activities fee

• Option B: 1650 students @ $7.65 = $12,622.50 This would be subsidized by the school The Decision: We need you the student body of Hamilton College to decide whether you would like this service or not. Once we receive your views on this proposal, we will bring it forward to the Administration for their consideration.

Please e-mail Maurice Michaane at mmichaan@hamilton.edu with any questions and whether you would like this service or not.

– by Tim Clark '03, Boston College; submitted Maurice Michaane '03 & David Bugliari '01

Editorial

Okay, so we all know that there are people in the world who are ignorant, immoral, and cowardly. These people are typically referred to as racists, and they exist here on the Hill as well. Recently, a Hamilton first-year who is blind, and also a minority, and his roommate found a horribly offensive message scrawled on their dry erase board. This act exemplifies the cowardice, ignorance, and just plain stupidity that are associated with racism.

The person who wrote this despicable note, while afraid to reveal his or her own identity, revealed enough character to allow us to make one certain and inarguable statement. We condemn them. Wholeheartedly, and as a community, we say to them that they are wrong, and that we will not put up with their act of hate.

And this was not the first such evil act witnessed on campus. There have been numerous deeds committed against the minority populations here. This hate has not been constricted to racial hate. Prejudice against the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community has also occurred here on the Hill. It is a small, weak contingent of students who commit these hateful deeds. Those who are offended by such homophobic acts ought to keep this in mind; there is no need to fear this pathetic group. They are powerless against a united community of rational people.

The recipients of hate acts are not the only people who should be offended. No way. Every single Hamilton student, faculty member, staff member, and administrator ought to be horrified by the fact that people with such twisted ideas reside among us. However, there are such people in the world, and unfortunately time and reason have been unable to alter their hateful and moronic beliefs.

We are not helpless. In the rash of e-mails sent in response to the most recent incident of racism, this community showed that we are willing to speak out against that with which we do not agree. That was a good sign, but not a solution. Some students pointed out in their emails that when there are events on campus geared towards multicultural activities, attendance by non-minority students is lacking. Some weeks ago, there was a meeting to discuss certain acts of racism committed in Dunham residence hall. Of 300 people who live in Dunham, and thus are directly affected by the racism therein, no more than 10 attended the meeting.

This is not the way it should be. Through their emails many community members have let it be known that they refuse to tolerate the hateful words that some hateful fools are prone to writing on dry-erase boards. Along with this sentiment must come action! There will be rallies to promote campus unity, and everyone who feels in any way offended by the actions of racist losers ought to be there. If meetings are held in response to this incident, it is our responsibility as people taking a stand against racism to attend.

The more we speak and act out against racism, the less of it we will see. If we do nothing, racists will believe that our dry-erase boards, walls, classrooms, and residence halls are appropriate forums for expressing their hate. This sure isn't the brightest group of people, and we need to, through unity, let them know that their insecure and hateful ideas will not be tolerated in our community.

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This week's editorial could not be made light of by a cartoon.

Letters

This is directed to students, faculty, staff and anyone who cares about life on the hill. My name is Koert Wehberg, the first year blind student at Hamilton. Upon returning to our room, my roommate noticed this written on our board on the room door: "Blind nigger". I am disappointed and hurt to say the least. I have enjoyed my first three months at Hamilton and I know that 99% of the individuals on this campus are terrific human being and I appreciate everyone who has either helped me out or tried to get to know me.

This incident however, shows that there are at least a few individuals on campus who are racists, discriminators and cowards! I worked like hell to get to Hamilton and I'm not going to let some racist son of a bitch harass me. I appreciate everyone who reads this message and takes it to heart. I would appreciate your support in ending any kind of racism and discrimination towards me and anyone else on campus.

Koert Wehberg '04

To the editior,

Rape scares me. Over break I thought about the statitistic that one in four women are sexually assaulted in thier lives. That means of my four female cousins, all between the ages of 4 and 14, one will be assulted in thier lifetime. That means of my four closet female friends one will be assaulted. That statistic that of 850 or so women who attended Hamilton College about 212 of them will be sexually assaulted in their lifetimes. You do not have to be raped to feel some of the affects of the violent act. Confusion, worry, anger, fear, uncertainty, mistrust, vacancy, and depression have all been emotions I have felt because of the situations in which women close to me have been raped. If someone who is not directly assaulted can realize emotions as negative as the ones I have mentioned -- it is frightful to imagine what feelings the victim is processing. When a man on this campus turns his head to the problems of rape, a man on this campus condones rape. If you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. How does a man at Hamilton become part of the solution?

Here are some options: 1) Join SAC -- the on campus group that brought you the Take Back the Night the Thursday before break. SAC also is the student organization for sexual assault awareness and prevention on campus. 2) Walk a friend home from a party who has had too much to drink. 3) Don't allow jokes about rape and sexual assault pass as funny when in reality they aren't. Do whatever it is you feel comfortable with that will help prevent the disrespect of women on this campus. Think of it this way, your mom, your aunt, your sister, and your grandmother. Imagine for a second what that would be like, if it was your mother, your aunt, your sister, OR your grandmother. One in four women are sexually assaulted in their lifetime and the number is growing. Take a corageous leap, for all the women in your life. Say NO to rape.

AJ LiVecchi '03

Insight & Ideas

The Electoral College grossly distorts the principle of one person, one vote

It finally happened. The ticking time bomb of the Electoral College has exploded. Although the full extent of the damage is yet to be determined, we face the possibility of electing a president who actually received fewer popular votes than his opponent and an election outcome that will turn on a few hundred disputed votes in Florida. Perhaps the only positive outcome of this fiasco is that the American public might finally demand that we scrap the Electoral College.

Even before undermining the legitimacy of this presidential election, the Electoral College had long since outlived its usefulness. The institution is a relic of America's predemocratic past, when fears of popular majorities consumed the nation's elite. The idea behind the Electoral College was that the state legislatures would appoint the best men who in turn would select a president free from partisan influence and public pressure.

Philip Klinkner

Professor of Government

This aspect of the Electoral College has in fact withered away, since by law and/or custom the electors vote according to the results of the popular vote in their respective states. Most electors are nothing more than party hacks, hardly the disinterested and noble sorts envisioned by the Framers of the Constitution. Few Americans are left today to defend the idea that an appointed elite should be able to pick the next president in utter disregard of the popular will.

Some argue that the Electoral College might yet exercise its prerogative to prevent the nation from electing a tyrant or a demagogue. But tyrants and demagogues are in the eye of the beholder. Such labels once were attached to Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan. Furthermore, the fundamentally elitist character of the Electoral College helps to undermine the very notions of democracy and popular will that provide the strongest protections against the evils of tyranny.

What remains of the Electoral College is merely a scheme for apportioning votes by state in a way that grossly distorts the principle of one person, one vote. Under this system, states are provided with one elector for each senator and one for each member of the House of Representatives, thus assuring each state of at least three electors, regardless of population.

As a consequence, the system is overwhelmingly biased in favor of small states. For example, Wyoming's 619,500 residents make up only 0.18 percent of the U.S. population, yet they receive three electoral votes, or 0.56 percent of the total electoral votes. In contrast, Texas' 20,044,141 residents make up 7.35 percent of the U.S. population, but that state's 32 electoral votes are a little less than 6 percent of the total. Another way of looking at it is that, in regard to the Electoral College, one voter in Wyoming has nearly as much power as four voters in Texas. No wonder Dick Cheney switched his voter registration!

Furthermore, the 42 smallest states together comprise a majority of 282 Electoral College votes. But these states possess only 46 percent of the population. Thus, if a candidate won all of these states by a narrow margin, he or she could win the presidency with less than 25 percent of the popular vote.

Defenders of the Electoral College claim that its abolition would upset the delicate balance between majority will and individual rights struck by the Framers. But the Electoral College protects no individual rights, just the power of certain states. And just because fewer people choose to live in those states is no reason for them to receive an extra measure of protection and power in the Constitution.

In addition, our nation's sense of the proper balance between majority will and individual rights has changed since the framing of the Constitution. Since then, major aspects of the Constitution have been amended to reflect this new balance. The 14th and 15th Amendments extended the rights of citizenship and suffrage to blacks. The 17th Amendment provided for the direct election of U.S. senators. The 19th Amendment extended the right to vote to women. The 23rd Amendment gave Electoral College votes to the citizens of the District of Columbia. Finally, the 24th Amendment forbade poll taxes in elections for federal offices. These changes to the Framers' original design have not undermined our democratic system. On the contrary, they have made them stronger. Thus, abolition of the current Electoral College is nothing more than the next logical step in this historical progression.

Another argument offered for the Electoral College is that it protects the interests of small states from the predations of larger states. But this assumes that small states have definable interests separate from those of larger states. Does anyone really think that Texas is just waiting to prey upon Oklahoma?

Furthermore, even if small states had interests distinct from those of large states, they are not lacking in constitutional protection. Any state, large or small, has the same degree of protection afforded to it by the provisions of federalism and states' rights in the U.S. Constitution. Again, small size should be no reason for additional constitutional protection. Should supporters of small parties be given extra votes so that they can better protect their interests? Of course not. Yet this is much the same argument offered by the supporters of the Electoral College.

Another argument for the Electoral College is that the system provides an incentive for candidates to pay attention to small states that otherwise might be ignored. But the Electoral College provides candidates with plenty of reasons for ignoring states, regardless of size. Any state that seems a solid vote for one party or the other is ignored by the candidates. Despite the Electoral College bonus in Wyoming, Alaska and the District of Columbia, Al Gore and George W. Bush spent little or no time campaigning in these areas. Doing so would only have been a bootless effort at increasing votes in a state that they already had won or lost.

On the other hand, a system of direct elections might create a real incentive for candidates to campaign in small states. Candidates would achieve some electoral reward for their effort, since even if a state were lost, the votes gained there would still count toward the popular vote. Even more importantly, the financial calculus of election campaigns in a direct-election system might help level the playing field between large and small states. Large states have more voters to be sure, but reaching these voters is a very expensive proposition since advertising rates often are astronomical. On the other hand, small states tend to have less-expensive media markets. Thus, campaigns might find that for every dollar spent in a large-state media market, an equal number of voters might be reached for the same or lesser amount of money in a small state.

Shorn of its constitutional window dressing, support for the Electoral College rests upon partisan grounds. For many years, Republicans have opposed Electoral College reform because they believed that the system favored their party. But Republicans vastly overestimate this advantage. Under the current system of Electoral College apportionment, 25 states are over-represented in the Electoral College. Bush won 14 of these states for a total of 65 electoral votes, but the other 11 states with 62 electoral votes were won by Gore. Moreover, with the shift of just a few thousand votes in New Hampshire, the small-state electoral-vote bonus would have been with Gore. Conversely, the fact that Bush and Gore essentially were tied in the popular vote shows that the Republicans would be just as competitive in a direct-election system as under the Electoral College. Even if Bush ends up winning the presidency, it will be the result of a fluke outcome in Florida, not because of any significant pro-Republican bias in the Electoral College.

To replace the Electoral College, the Constitution should be amended to direct that presidents be selected by direct popular vote. In case no candidate receives more than 40 percent of the vote, there would be a runoff election between the top two vote-getters. An amendment along these lines was offered during the 1970s, first by Republican President Richard Nixon and then later by Democrat Jimmy Carter. In both cases, the proposal was blocked in Congress by representatives from small states, Southerners and Republicans.

Some claim that under a direct-election system the problems of close elections and recounts now seen in Florida would be writ large over the entire nation. For that reason Congress, in addition to abolishing the Electoral College, also should pass legislation establishing a national elections system. Such legislation is clearly constitutional, since Article I provides that while the states may regulate the times, places and manner of holding elections, Congress may by law make or alter such regulations. This legislation should provide for a national system of electronic balloting, so that each jurisdiction will have the most accurate means of tabulating votes and the election procedures will be consistent across the nation. States and localities that wish to include their elections in this system should be allowed to, but those that wish to opt out also should be given that choice. Such a system of national elections will not eliminate the possibility of a close election or recounts, but it will ensure that votes are counted in the quickest, most accurate and fairest way possible.

In addition, Congress should also, by amendment or by legislation, move to hold elections for a longer and more convenient time. One possibility is to allow voting to take place at various sites over a period of several weeks. These extended voting periods have been established in several states where they are considered to be very popular and a boost to voter turnout. At a minimum, elections should be moved to a weekend, with polls around the country opening at the same time on Saturday and closing at the same time on Sunday. Not only would this make it easier to vote, but it would also prevent the problem of the networks calling the election before the polls have closed in all areas.

Reforming or abolishing the Electoral College will not solve all of our nation's political ills, but it will help to make our constitutional system fairer and more democratic and ensure that our presidents represent the genuine choice of the people. In doing so, it will help prevent a repeat of our current political fiasco and perhaps help to restore some of the frayed bonds of trust between the American people and their elected officials.

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The Egg Nog Tastes like Old Milwaukee

It's that time of year again. No, not time to pepper the campus with potty mouth e-mails. In the immortal words of Gladys Knight & the Pips, "Christmas time is here." But if you have the misfortune of going down to the Sangertown Square in the next couple weeks, I bet you would never know it.

Now you can imagine a smiling Santa Claus full of Christmas cheer greating you on his merry sleigh. Perhaps a bevy of mechanical elves dancing to Gene Autry's rendition of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". You'd think even the twelve year olds outside would get into the holiday spirit by smoking mistletoe menthol cigarettes rather than huffing buckets of Pledge as they usually do. But sadly this is not the case.

J.P. LeBlanc & Justin Tyler

Upon entering Sangertown, you will find no memorable holiday decorations beyond the occasional snow laden mullet. Where are the candy canes, and the gum drops, and the "Chsitmas with the Muppets" songs wafting through the air?

There seems to be a definite lack of holiday spirit in the Mohawk Valley. Take for example the Salvation Army bellringer outside of Bradley's. Not only was she wearing the latest Buffalo Bill's Zubaz from the $9.99 Stockroom coupled with a Stone Cold Steve Austin Polar fleece, but she wasn't even ringing her bell!

When I dropped my money in the Christmas kettle it was impeded by Ms. Congeniality's liter of Pepsi One which was covering the hole. When asked to move her classic beverage, she responded with a grinch like sneer and did not even bother to say thank you OR wish me a Merry Christmas. I know the Mohawk Valley Prowlers are in the midst of a losing season, but where are toothless smiles and rosy cheeks?

And what about Santa? Most malls in the free world have a jolly Old Saint Nick surrounded by a sea of snot nosed cherubs eagerly waiting to whisper their Christmas wishes in Santa's ears. Not so at Sangertown. Rumor has it that Santa has been replaced by a Dale Earnhardt lookalike sporting a flame ratardent, red leather jump suit donated by those philanthropists at Forever Leather. Rather than handing out candy canes, he is giving the children quarts of Castrol Syntec inside a fanny pack embroidered with Dale Earnhardt's trademarked "#3".

You would at least expect Sangertown's latest attraction, *H & M*, to get into the holiday spirirt. However, the closest thing they had to Santa Claus was an overwight geriatric sporting red leather chaps and a George Clooney haircut.

To be frank, it is sad that the Christmas spirit plays second banana to the hot racing action at Watkins Glen. Let's work on it Sangertown, you, me, and the kindly woman resting her L.A. Gears on the public Internet access terminals. Have a holly, jolly Christmas.

The Balance Between Questions and Answers

What makes a wise person in life? Does a wise person have many answers or does a wise person ask many questions? Is it really possible to be full of knowledge about life, how it works, what it is really about, and what the "best" way to live is? There are so many people proclaiming to know the right way to live, from religious leaders to political leaders to philosophers to the money makers to your next door neighbor. But does anyone really know what life is all about and what the right answers are? I would argue that each person has the right answer for themselves. But are there universal truths about life, and is there a "right way" to live?

I ask this because my heart is confused and overwhelmed. One of my professors recently had a heart attack. Each person you meet in your life will play some sort of role, from a janitor to a teacher to an author. Some people you will make great friends with and some will just pass through your life. This particular professor when I see him inside or outside class, I think of him strictly as a professor. In some ways this perception causes me to forgot how human he is and how much of a peer he is.

Seth O'Bryan

Everyone here is a human being, each with their own potential, but we lose touch with that notion. We get stuck in our routines and our own personal roles so much so that we cannot perceive the larger world. This tunnel visionlimits who we can and cannot interact with and makes it hard to communicate with others on common ground.

There has been a great deal of talk this year about how we have a lack of communication on this campus. There is truth and falsity to that claim. On the one hand the communication lines are open, it is possible to break through barriers of difference. For the most part people are willing to listen, to care, and to make new friends. This is true from President Tobin to the Deans of Faculty and Students to professors to students of different races, different societies, and different cliques.

On the other hand, it is true that in many ways these open lines are not utilized. In some part it is because of fear, but for the most part it is because we don't see just how open the lines are. In order to utilize these open lines of communication we have to step outside of our comfort zones, but that idea rarely crosses our minds.

I have so much to say. I want to write about why we need a student union, about realizing the lives that people around us live, and about my own experience at Hamilton, but every time I sit down to write an article Tuesday night, I get so lost. And then I end up writing the same stuff every week.

Before I go on, I want tocomment on Hamilton's recently unveiled strategic plan. I had a whole article about how the premise of the strategic plan is to make our school's reputation better and get greater recognition from rankings, high school students, and other colleges. The plan's goal is to look better from the outside rather than improving our school for the sake of the people that go here or will go here. It seems as though the plan wants to improve Hamilton's place in the market without improving the product.

However, President Tobin took some time out of his personal life to come to Student Assembly and discuss the plan. He mentioned that the writers of the plan will revise and attempt to show the goal to be to improve the school from the inside. I hope I am not misinterpreting him. I do not want to misrepresent his words. He and many other administrators have really impressed me this semester on how much they care and how much time and energy they are willing to sacrifice to improve student life. Thank you.

At any rate, the plan sets the example that the college cares more about how it looks in other people's eyes than how well the college and campus life is. That tells me that the writers of the plan think I should focus more on my reputation and how other people view me than how worrying about how I view myself and how I live my life for my own sake.

So as your weekend begins, and the end of the semester knocks on the door, I leave you with some questions. Who are you? Does the Hamilton motto, "Know Thyself" fit as a motto here? Does any of this matter? Like anyone else I walk about on this campus going from class to class, and I see so many people in passing. From a distance most people look content with their lives, busy with their lives. As am I, but I wonder what is happening past the surface.

How often must we question our approaches to our own lives and should we step out of our comfort zone more, take more chances? My mind is running in circles, and I have work to do. This article is no where close to what I want it to be. So my parting shot, and my hope to have some gratification from this writing is that someone takes the time to think about my thoughts for a little while. As I wonder if anyone else questions their own life and their own approach the way I question mine. Life is balance of questions and answers, questions and answers.

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Science in the News

Marijuana: just what the doctor ordered?

With medicinal marijuana, many patients suffering from terminal diseases hope to make their pain go up in smoke

by Nicholas Roberge '03
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While marijuana has long been used for its mind altering effects, many claims extolling its medicinal uses have been made as well. Though it is doubtful that accounts of its healing abilities were originally based on fact, there is currently significant evidence of marijuana's healing abilities. In our world of gene therapy, high technology and cloning, the low-tech idea of medicinal marijuana is making a comeback.

The idea of using illicit drugs for medicinal purposes is not a new one. Morphine, a powerful painkiller, and codeine, a cough suppressant and painkiller, are both closely related to heroin, an extremely dangerous and addictive drug. In fact, codeine and heroin are also known as methyl morphine and diacetyl morphine, respectively. While these substances share similarities in chemical structure, they also share dangerous side effects and high rates of addiction.

Many claims have been made as to the maladies that marijuana can help. These include the gout, the deposit of uric acid crystals in the foot and chronic glaucoma, the buildup of pressure from within the eye. In addition, marijuana has been shown to help treat the pain, loss of appetite and nausea caused by chemotherapy.

Most people are not aware that the main psychoactive ingredient of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, is readily available in pill form to be prescribed by physicians for nausea and loss of appetite. Known as dronabinol, this drug is rarely prescribed due to side effects and interactions with other drugs, including alcohol, antidepressants, antihistamines, diet pills and pain relievers. Dronabinol has also been shown to cause psychotic episodes in certain susceptible patients. These dangers, as well as the availability of many other medications to provide the same functions as dronabinol, have lead to limited prescriptions of this drug.

Cannabis sativa
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Taking a pill of dronabinol is not the same thing as smoking marijuana. There are hundreds of compounds that have been isolated from the *Cannabis* plant. These compounds are transformed into thousands of other chemicals when marijuana is smoked. There may be medically beneficial compounds found in the smoke of marijuana, but along with the good comes the bad.

The smoke inhaled into the lungs from marijuana has been shown to cause cancer as easily as cigarette smoke. Furthermore, smoking marijuana has also been shown to depress the immune system. This effect is a serious concern for AIDS patients using marijuana for medicinal purposes, as some patients have reported an increased incidence of pneumonia. In addition, some HIV patients using marijuana have been shown to progress to AIDS twice as fast as non-smokers.

The positive aspects of smoking marijuana for medicinal purposes seem to be quite convincing despite all of the negative aspects that have been found thus far. Kiyoshi Kuromiya, an AIDS patient and medicinal marijuana activist from Philadelphia, said "I can smoke a joint, and five minutes later I can eat every last drop of food." The wasting effects of AIDS and chemotherapy are serious symptoms, and marijuana may serve as a legitimate form of alleviation to these problems.

Several organizations have complained about the manner in which medical marijuana is being legalized. California's Proposition 215 allows for the cultivation and possession of marijuana for medical use. Proposition 215 does not require a prescription for the use of marijuana or a list of symptoms that it could be used to treat. Such laws skirt the safeguards that have been set up to protect people from medical fads.

While it may be beneficial for several ailments, many feel that medicinal marijuana should be approached carefully due to its unknown interactions with other drugs.

Doctors have little say in the issue and regulation of medical marijuana and cannot control the potentially dangerous drug interactions that can occur from the use of marijuana along with other medications. Finally, this method of legalization bypasses the Food and Drug Administration. Testing on medical marijuana has been limited, and by avoiding the approval of the main drug regulatory agencies, voters may have made a dangerous step with Proposition 215.

Marijuana undoubtedly has several benefits, such as encouraging appetite and relieving nausea in seriously ill patients. However, there are many aspects of this drug that have made it less than ideal for medical use. Its drug interactions, side effects, effects on the immune system and psycho-activity have all raised concern among doctors prescribing its various forms.

Perhaps with rules that are stricter than the propositions currently in existence, prescriptions could be offered to appropriately ill patients. It is these patients who would most likely benefit from this palliative drug. With further study, perhaps it may be found that for other patients the treatment may not be worse than the disease.

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Features

Class attends conference to celebrate African author

by Amy Kopriva '02
Features Editor

"Everywhere, new ways to write about Africa have appeared, reinvesting the continent and its people with humanity, free at last of those stock situations and characters that had dominated European writing about Africa for hundreds of years."

These are the words of Chinua Achebe, a founder of modern African literature, in one of his latest books. In order to honor Achebe's excellence in writing and his political activism, Gillian Gane, professor of English, took three of her students from her Postcolonial Literature to a conference at Bard College to celebrate the 70th birthday of the accomplished author during the weekend of November 3rd and 4th. These students were Millie Ramirez '02, Betsy Gekonge '01, and Ayanna Scoon '03. Since the class has only four students, the only class member who was not able to attend was Doug Wheeler '03. Two of the students have biographical ties to the material, as Gekonge is a native of Kenya and Scoon is a native of Trinidad and Tobago.

The class, which surveys recent world literature that is written in English and which derive primarily from India, Africa, and the Caribbean, decided to attend the conference because throughout the semester they had studied the works of several authors, including Achebe, Wole Solyinka, and Ngugi wa Thiong'o, all of whom were present at the celebratory occasion.

Additionally, a multitude of other renowed African authors and critics attended, including Toni Morrison, and Tsitsi Dangarembga. In addition to the academic correlation between the material and the event, Professor Gane articulated another motivation for their attendance: "There is an growing awareness of globalization. The world is going to become increasingly interconnected, and so it is incumbent for all of us to start thinking globally. The conference gave us a sense of the thriving enterprise of African literature."

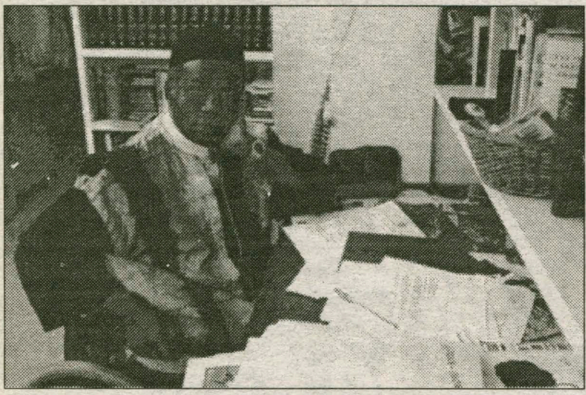
PHOTO COURTESY GILLIAN GANE
Bard College recently hosted a celebratory conference in honor of African author and activist Chinua Achebe for his 70th birthday.

Achebe is most famous for his work, "Things Fall Apart" (1958), but his contributions to the genre are not limited to novels, as he is widely published in poetry, short stories, essays, and children's books as well. Since its publication in 1958, shortly before Nigerian independence of 1960, "Things Fall Apart" has been translated into over 40 languages.

The conference featured poetry readings, art exhibitions, a traditional Nigerian dance performance that serenaded the guest of honor, and a well-attended discussion between fellow African American author Toni Morrison and Achebe. According to Gane, when asked what books they would bring on a desert island, Achebe said that he would bring Morrison's "Beloved" and

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> *-Professor Gillian Gane*

Morrison said that she would bring her own works so that she could continue to work on them. Gane also mentioned the event was also very "visually exciting" because many of the authors arrived in traditional brightly colored African robes and headties.

Achebe, one of six children, was raised in the village of Ogidi, in Eastern Nigeria. He began a career in radio in the 1960's, but because of political and racial tension in his country that later led to the Biafran War, his radio career was short-lived and he instead enlisted in literary endeavors in order to make his voice heard. Examples of his other works include "Arrow of God, "The Trouble with Nigeria, and "No Longer at Ease," and "Home and Exile" was just published this year. He is the recipient of a multitude of awards and prizes, including the Lotus Award for Afro-Asian Writers, and he holds honorary degrees from over 30 colleges and universities. He is currently the Charles P. Stevenson Professor of Languages and Literature at Bard College.

According to all of the attendees, the most exciting aspect of the event was the opportunity for them to talk to the famous writers of a world audience and to have their specific questions addressed.

According to Betsy Gekonge '01, "It took me by surprise that we would be able to socialize with them. We got to mingle with intellectuals, and the atmosphere was laid-back." But Gane and her students tried to avoid becoming starstruck as Ayanna Scoon '03, another attendee explained, " They are people just like us!"

However, Scoon also recognized the extraordinary experiences, abilities, and accomplishments of the writers and said, " Being with them made me realize how much literature can impact society." In particular, Gane and Gekonge talked to Thiong'o about discrepancies between the different editions of his book, A Grain of Wheat. While reading the book and using a different edition than the other members of the class, Gekonge noticed differences between the language used in the individual texts, and was troubled by the impact that the changes made on the overall political ideology of the work.

In his discussion of the power of language with Morrison, Achebe said, " Language is never an enemy, it is a tool." According to Gane, the changes between the two editions represented "significant changes in attitude, and gave different versions of what happened and different perspectives on what happened." Although Gane described Thiong'o's response to their questioning of the motivation behind these changes as "somewhat evasive," she agreed that the opportunity to mingle with such accomplished people was unique and worthwhile. With excitement, Gane also reported that during their conversation with Thiong'o, he pointed to a bag, that according to Gane, was " within inches of us," that housed the manuscript for his next book.

Many attendees offered celebratory messages to Achebe at the event, and one of the most popular events of the conference was the viewing of a televised message from Nelson Mandela, the president of South Africa. In his tribute to Achebe, he said, " He has lived in many countries of the world. But his greatness is rooted in his Africanness; he is one who has brought Africa to the world."

Scoon mentioned that she admired Achebe and other African authors and critics because, "They are all activists. They use their art as activism. They have the ability and the creativity to actively oppose and challenge aspects of society."

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02
Ayanna Scoon '03 said of Achebe and other authors,"They are activists and have the ability and the creativity to actively oppose and challenge aspects of society."

In the spirit of the conference, Gane and her students are motivated to enact some important changes on our campus. They all agreed that the study abroad opportunities here need to be broadened to more countries in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean in order to increase cultural awareness, knowledge, and understanding. As Gane suggested, another possibility would be to increase the number of college sponsored trips to third world countries and other non- European countries durinc school vacations. Gane said with a smile, " I have fantasies about students traveling to the Caribbean on short trips of two weeks. We need to continue to cross borders and boundaries."

Although the conference was only one isolated event in the lives of the students, all of them agree that their experience has relevance to their community life. Gane commented, " I would love to see a conference like the one we went to hosted by Hamilton." According to Scoon, the necessary premise for reading these novels and engaging in the collective action that they inspire is to," realize that you are privileged. These books are not just about literature, they reflect life and politics and the relationship between America and Africa and economic, cultural, and historical issues." She continued," What I took away from the experience was that it is important to think about broader issues that are outside of your experience." Gekonge elaborated on the value of having the courage to move outside of your academic comfort zones," Taking this class moves you out of your cozy boundaries. It takes you to these countries in your mind. The resources for cultural awareness are here {on this campus}, but people have to decide for themselves to be more questioning and to broaden their perspectives." In summarizing the greatest benefit of taking the class, she said, " It has made me think more globally, less locally. It has influenced the way that I see the world."

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Friendly peer tutors provide academic assistance

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

Asking for help can be a hard thing to do for anyone. Thankfully the people involved in the Peer Tutoring Program and the Quantitative Literacy Center make asking for academic help here much easier than it might be otherwise. The Peer Tutoring Program and the Quantitative Literacy Center are two means for receiving free academic support on campus from fellow peers in a number of subjects.

Mary O'Neill, who originally provided academic support for the Higher Education Opportunity Program, now directs these two programs as Academic Support Coordinator and Quantitative Literacy Center Coordinator. Both programs approach the tutoring process positively. O'Neill says, asserting that it is essential that the process not be looked at in a negative light or seen as a result of being "bad" at something. Instead it must be regarded it as an "extension of the classroom," supplementing "good study habits, discipline, and hard work," as well as departmental and professorial assistance, O'Neill affirms. O'Neill also mentions that an appeal of these services is that often a student feels more comfortable and it is convenient to work with a peer.

Each program works in a slightly different manner. The Quantitative Literacy Center, established in Spring of 1990, is staffed with peer tutors knowledgeable in math and the quantitative sciences available for help on a drop-by basis in 223/224 Christian A. Johnson Hall. Help in biology, chemistry, economics, economic statistics, mathematics, philosophy, physics and psychology statistics is offered during different times of the week.

PHOTO BY MARC PETRIVELLI '01

Peer tutor Michael Grattan '01 offers academic support and teaches good study skills to students who frequent the Center.

The Quantitative Literacy Center facilitates a ten-session non-credit-bearing tutorial, one way to fulfill the college's Quantitative Literacy Requirement for first-years. This requirement was established to ensure that all graduates carry a minimum standard of quantitative skills to be successful after graduation. "There has been a national focus or push for quantitative literacy on college campuses," O'Neill says, because many colleges were finding that "some students come to college without the ability to solve very basic quantitative problems." The peer tutors administer the tutorials.

Also located in 223 Christian A. Johnson Hall is the Peer Tutoring Program, which is, as opposed to the drop-in nature of the Quantitative Literacy Center concentrating on math and science, a program that sets up one-on-one tutoring for students in specific subjects, courses ranging from English to economics to Russian. Students interested in one-on-one tutoring simply fill out a "Request for Tutoring" form and meet with Mary O'Neill, who will talk to the student about what they need and ensure that a tutoring program be set up that will fit that student's needs. She stresses that the tutoring that is offered through the Peer Tutoring Program is "personally tailored."

According to O'Neill, the students are "amazing... the best students, and they really like helping." Tutors are students that have been recommended by a department, and have taken the class in which a student is seeking help. All tutors have been trained in interpersonal skills, tutoring techniques, and study skills.

Senior Michelle Arlotta, who tutors geology, says the program is a great idea for both the tutor and the tutored, emphasizing that she is "[getting] paid to teach something I know." She maintains that helping a student not only benefits the student but also helps her, for it is reinforcing her knowledge of the subject.

Arlotta also mentions that "not a lot of people realize how cool it can be." It is a free service that benefits the student, one that might even result in the creation of a new friendship, as in the case of Arlotta and the student she currently tutors. Senior Scott Kalberer, who tutors at the Quantitative Literacy Center, also suggests that to a degree the tutors are an untapped resource, receiving "not as high a volume as we should." O'Neill tells us, though, that the contact time between students and tutors is increasing every year.

For those interested in either the Quantitative Literacy Center or the Peer Tutoring Program, Mary O'Neill welcomes any questions or requests for information. She can be reached at x4374, or moneill@hamilton.edu. The Quantitative Literacy Center is open Sunday through Thursday nights from 7-9 and on Sunday afternoons from 2-4.

O'Neill urges students to do just that, stressing that the Quantitative Literacy Center is "not a scary place... and we always have candy."

McNair Program provides summer scholarships

by Elizabeth Rabe '04
FEATURES WRITER

This past summer, three Hamilton students, Redell Armstrong '02, Melinda Williams '01, and Nikisha Williams '01, participated in the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at the University of Rochester. Explained Williams, the program provides first generation, low-income, or under-represented college students with "access to graduate school and doctorate programs."

The McNair scholarship program is named for Dr. Ronald E. McNair, an astronaut and laser physicist. He was the second African-American in space. However, he died on the 1986 failed space shuttle Challenger mission. The U.S. Department of Education High Education Program funds the McNair Achievement Program in his honor.

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According to McNair program web page at the University of Rochester, the program hopes that these students will teach in higher education and contribute to the world of academia. By teaching in higher education these future professors will "help to increase the diversity of college and university faculty."

In order to achieve these aspirations and goals, the McNair Achievement program prepares students academically to attend graduate school. The McNair program provides students with help studying for the GRE, counseling for admission to graduate school, and seminars on life as a graduate student. Also, every Monday a different speaker came to talk to the students about different stimulating cultural topics.

The students primarily spend their summer conducting an independent research project. The program requests as Armstrong notes "that participants work on their research project for 35 hours a week." Also, an academic advisor from their field of study oversees their unique research project. As Melinda Williams recounts, the program requires students "to take a different angle than what has been done before" on their chosen topic.

At the end of the summer, the participants present their projects at the McNair Conference at the University of Rochester and at the National McNair Conference at Pennsylvania State University according to Armstrong. At these conferences, the students have a chance to learn from one another about their summer research. The students also receive feedback from experts in their field of study about their projects.

From his research, Armstrong wrote a historical paper entitled "Whisper Liberty into the Oppressed: Antebellum African-American Newpapers." In this paper, Armstrong examined the influence of African-American newspapers, particularly the Freedom Journal. The Freedom Journal was the first African-American newspaper. According to his thesis, these newspapers served as "an instrument for debate, a critical examination of pre-Civil War American society, and oft-times as an instrument that shaped public opinion."

From the cumulation of her studies, Melinda Williams wrote," Is There a Black Standard of Beauty: A Jaunt Into Black Media and Culture." Williams examined how magazines, music videos, peers, and parents influence black women's view of beauty. The goal of her paper "was to define this standard of beauty." Williams is continuing her research this year as her Senior Thesis as a Women's Studies concentrator.

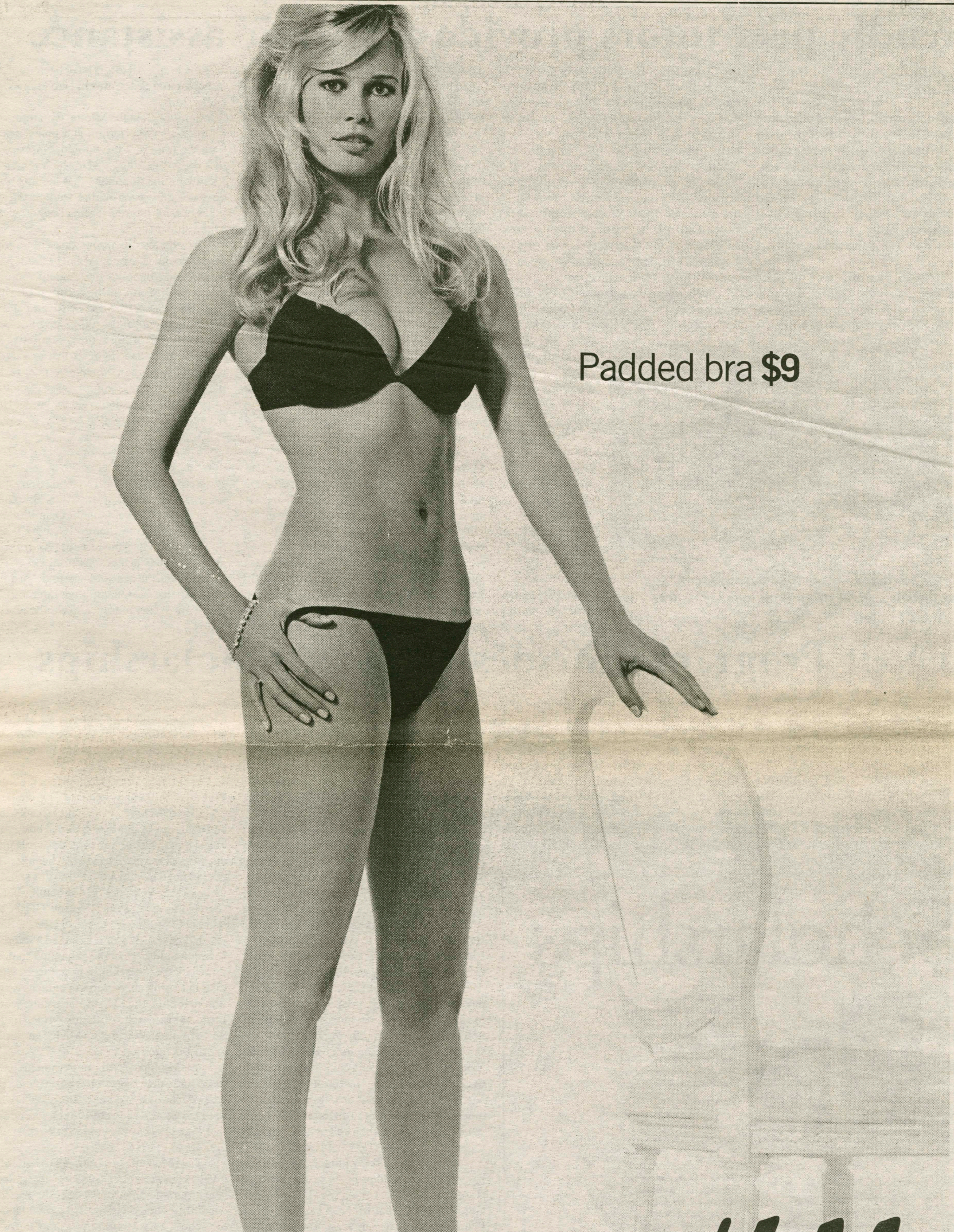
Nikisha Williams conducted a scientific research study. She experimented to determine whether "marking a target word with a distinguishing characteristic reduces activation of a phonetically similar cohort word." From her research, Williams wrote Context Specific Real World Knowledge in Spoken Word Recognition.

As Melinda Williams commented they discovered that "research is an on-going process of learning that never stops." They also realized as the program director reiterated that "no one knows your work better than you do."

The McNair program also had other positive academic benefits for these students. The program helped to reassure them of their capabilities and their ability to attend graduate school. As Melinda Williams notes the program, "gave me more confidence in my academic work." It also reminded Williams "to take pride in what you know."

The summer of research also reiterated to the students some of the basic lessons of life. Armstrong realized "the importance of friendship and relaxation after a day in the library." The students also learned from one another about their projects.

The McNair program has had great success, more than seventy percent of the participants attend graduate school. Hopefully, future students will engage in this program.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Arts & Entertainment

Men of Honor overcomes racism with heroism

by Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

George Tillman, Jr.'s *Men of Honor* is cursed by its generic and pretentious title, which does little to reveal the subject matter of the movie. The plot,, based on the true story of the Navy's first African-American deep-sea diver, follows the life of Car Brashear (Cuba Gooding, Jr.) as he heroically overcomes several obstacles and deeply-rooted racism.

Racism is rampant at the Navy diving school where Brashear trains for his upcoming duties as a diver. Already coming from a disadvantaged, poor background, Brashear must also put up with dirty looks, hate letters, and unfair treatment by his peers and superiors in the school. It is at this school that he develops his rapport with Billy Sunday (Robert De Niro), his teacher, with whom he has a twisted love-hate relationship. Among the obstacles Brashear must overcome are Sunday's initial heartlessness towards him and Mr. Pappy (Hal Holbrook), the school director who has no intention of letting an African-American graduate from his school.

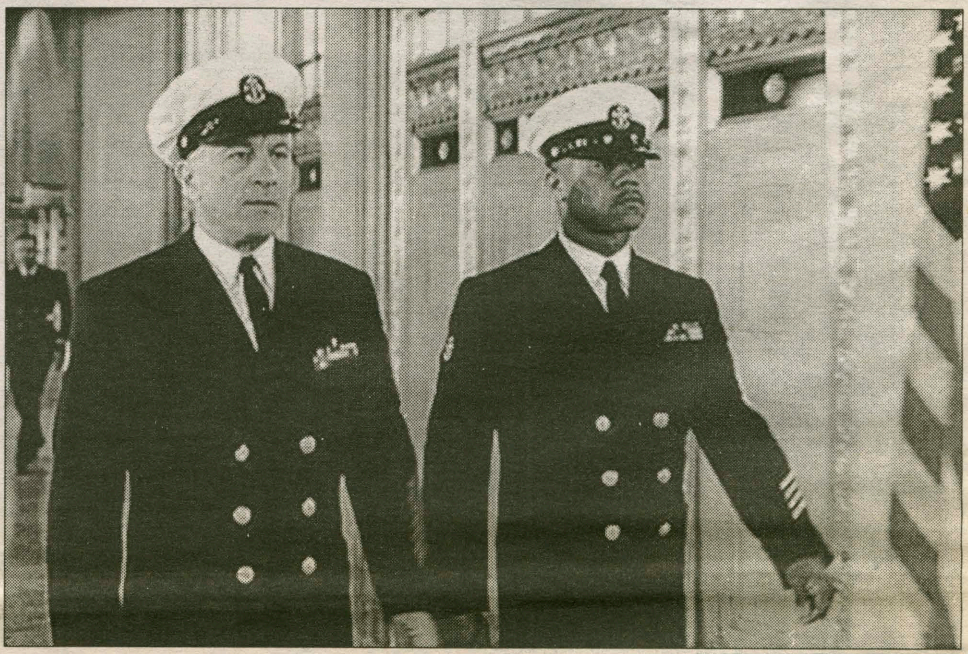
In spite of the bland title, the story is interesting and easily lends itself to drama. Overall, this is an enjoyable movie.The most painful moments come when Tillman tries to show us Brashear's "human side." There is a poorly developed subplot involving Jo (Aunjanue Ellis), Brashear's love interest. There is nothing of interest, no tension between these two. The scene in which they meet is particularly bad the acting was so stiff and the dialogue so awkward that it was difficult to believe these two would ever end up together. The problem is that the director jumps from fast-paced suspense sequences to slow-as-molasses love scenes. They are the real glitch in this movie.

However, the editing throughout most of the film is highly effective, especially in the scene where Brashear saves his fellow trainees during an underwater exercise gone gone. The quick cutting to and from different camera angles builds breathtaking suspense. All the under water scenes will make you feel like you're right there with Brashear; it's impossible not to get involved with the action.

Another laudable feature in *Men of Honor* is the acting. I was not completely satisfied with Gooding: his antics reminded me too much of the character he played in *Jerry Maguire*. De Niro, who might have seemed doomed to forever speak in a heavy New York City accent, took me completely off guard with his plausible Southern one.

DeNiro plays Sunday to perfection. From the start of the film, you know that this is a highly insecure guy who puts on a tough exterior, but by the end, he loosens up and even allows himself to be mildly affectionate with Brashear. I liked all of the supporting cast as well: Charlize Theron plays Sunday's wife, Gwen Sunday, with ease, and Ellis is a quiet but powerful presence as Brashear's wife.

This is a good movie to see in light of the racist acts committed at Hamilton and it is a way to learn about Carl Brashear, a truly amazing character who accomplished some incredible feats in his lifetime. I would have probably never been exposed to his acheivements if it hadn't been for *Men of Honor*, a film worth seeing.



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DeNiro and Gooding Jr. defy the laws of tradition in *Men of Honor*.

Sixth Sense director continues to thrill in *Unbreakable*

by Darcy Lewis '02
A&E WRITER

M. Night Shyamalan, the man behind last year's smash hit *The Sixth Sense*, has become the Hitchcock of the new millenium. The writer/producer/director has created another sleek, tense masterpiece with an amazing ending in his sophomore effort entitled *Unbreakable*. Impossible you say? No, he has actually done it, but this time he has gone one step further and created a truly unique directing style worthy of Alfred Hitchcock. Also, he has the distinction of appearing in all the films he has directed. But Shyamalan takes the mystery and beauty of Hitchcock's direction and merges it with the freaky uneasiness and seeming randomness of director David Lynch (*Blue Velvet, The Lost Highway*). He controls the emotions of his audience like a mighty puppetmaster, thrilling them with so many cool gimmicks and devices that they fall completely under his spell.

Shyamalan begins his tale, simultaneously engaging and discomfiting the audience, by filming scenes that are apparently disconnected. The film opens with a number of stats about comic books and their prevalence in society, and then immediately cuts to a 1961 Philadelphia department store. A woman cries over a baby who has strangely broken bones during the pregnancy. Shyamalan knows that these two moments, shown together, will immediately capture the audience for the rest of the movie. These two moments also serve to establish a hint of some larger, more urgent feeling of apprehension and create the idea that there is something lurking out there. That feeling carries over into the next scene, in which David Dunn (Bruce Willis), a depressed college security guard, rides home on a commuter train, almost floating in his own dream sequence. Nothing seems real, and when David next awakes, he is in a hospital, the only survivor of a massive train wreck. One may think David is lucky to be alive, but the hovering sense of something gone wrong keeps us from being truly happy for him. He is in the midst of a sort or half-separation. He lives in the same house with his wife, played by Robin Wright Penn (*The Princess Bride, Forrest Gump*), yet they sleep in different rooms, all the while raising a son from whom he is also disconnected.

PHOTO BY FRANK MASI

Samuel L. Jackson, hair and all, stars as the brittle boned Elijah Price in *Unbreakable*.

Enter Elijah Price (Samuel L. Jackson), who we discover is the broken-boned baby all grown up. It turns out he has a rare condition that makes his bones very brittle, and Elijah has been teased for "breaking like glass" all his life. But Price and Dunn are connected on some mysterious level he is the only one who seems to know why Dunn miraculously survived, and his theory begins to unearth an unknown power in David. Everything eventually falls into place, as it did in *The Sixth Sense*, and again Shyamalan does his directorial best to hover over the truth, skirting around it and giving little hints throughout the film. Seeing this film a second time is just as enjoyable as seeing it the first time because all those hints are so clear you wonder how you missed the point.

PHOTO BY FRANK MASI

Bruce Willis, star of Shayamalan's *The Sixth Sense*, joins the cast of the director's second film, *Unbreakable*.

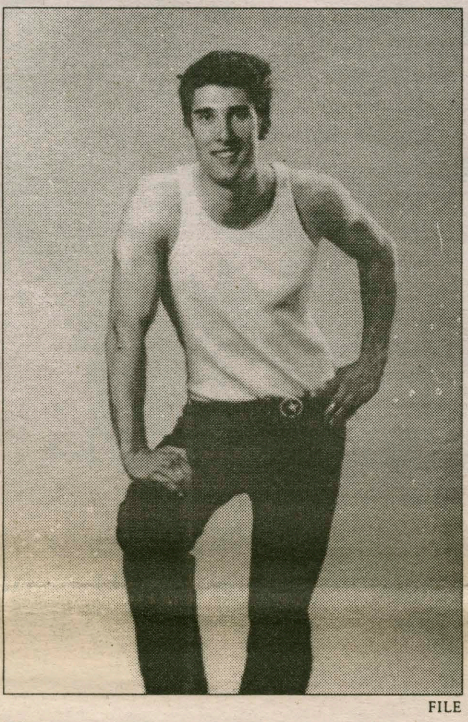
Samuel L. Jackson plays Elijah beautifully, making him both dangerous and helpless at the same time. He looks almost like glass in the shiny outfits he appears in, complete with cane and some seriously funky hair. Willis plays Dunn similar to his character in *Sense*, yet it works even better this time as his character floats through his life, emerging from a well of sadness to whisper a few comments before diving back in. The other people barely make an impression on the audience, but they are really only window-dressing for the struggle going on between these two very different characters. Shyamalan takes an interesting angle with his direction, framing the whole film by looking at the characters interacting with each other through doorways, or reflected off televisions, and many other interesting ways in every scene. It is almost as if Shyamalan has tunnel vision, and he wants the audience to view these people's lives through a microscope. Everything is magnified and slow moving, making every scene important to the end result. *Unbreakable* is a huge step for Shyamalan, and he continues to thrill us with every moment.

Love Of The Nightingale performed in Minor Theater

by Timothy Gershon '03
A&E WRITER

Earlier this month, the Hamilton College Department of Theatre and Dance presented *The Love of the Nightingale* at Minor Theater.

Written by Timberlake Wertenbaker, *The Love of the Nightingale* follows the Greek myth of Philomele. The story is about the rape of Philomele (Anne Griffin '01) by her brother-in-law Tereus (Cameron Larson '01), and his removal of her tongue so that the act might never be disclosed. But when Tereu's wife, Procne (Lindsay McGrath '01), finally learns about what happened, she allows Philomele to murder their son Itys (Aaron Wilton '03).



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Cameron Larson '01 plays the evil Tereus in Wertenbaker's *Love of the Nightingale.*

Because of the quaint size of Minor Theater, the audience witnessed the action right before their eyes. Commented Grant Brown '02, "The play was made particularly enjoyable because of the intimacy of Minor Theater. I'm not sure it would've had the same effect were it performed in any of the other campus venues."

At times, the acting occurred beyond the parameters of the stage, such as during the scene of Philomele's rape. Although Tereus and Philomele were no longer visible, their screaming and moaning was a vivid indication of what was occurring.

The cast wore simple costumes consisting primarily of tunics and period garb. Props were kept to a minimum ,and with the exception of a few removable benches, there was no real set. Because of this, the audience was forced to rely on their imaginations for settings, creating their own images of urban Athens, a windy Mediterranean, and a mountainous Thrace.

"One of this productions' obvious strengths included the actors' abilities to perform independent of excessive props and costumes. In doing this, they proved themselves to be true actors," said Cameron Johnson '03.

Scenes involving significant physical commotion clearly reflected both the talent of the actors and the prudence of choreographer and Professor of Acting, Mark Cryer. The wrestling match of the opening scene, the castration of the ship's captain, and the stunning acrobatic performance during the festival of Bachus were among the plays most poignant and important moments.

The flow of the play was constantly changing, which kept the audience in suspense. Within scenes, emotions switched from joyfulness to horror, tranquility to violence, love to hatred. Always filled with passion, the actors conveyed their emotions believably and realistically.

Following the theme of simplicity, the musical accompaniment was comprised of only two drummers (Chris Fogelstrom and Matt Speer, both '01). This arrangement proved just right. The drummers added intensity to weighty scenes, such the killing of Itys, while providing smooth auditory transitions between scenes.

The play was relatively short and had no intermission, but ask anyone who saw it and he'll tell you this classical performance will have a lasting impression.

Untitled at Large's *Company* to play in Events Barn

PRESS RELEASE

Company, a musical comedy with lyrics and music by Stephen Sondheim, is produced by Untitled at Large which is the only student run theatre group at Hamilton College. We are performing *Company* in conjunction with Sondheim's 70th birthday. Company tells the story of a marriage-avoiding 35 year old bachelor named Robert. The is a theatrical collage of his experiences with his married friends and three women who he is dating. Vignettes about each of the married couples examine the difficulty of sustaining meaningful emotional relationships in the complex world of urban America. Robert finally concludes, in spite of the imperfections of each of the marriages, that life without a significant other is untenable.Robert is played by sophomore David Steadman.

The couples are Becca Pressman, David Kolb, Alice Muir, Evan Fowler, Juliette Reiss, Dan Hayes, Sarah Wilkinson, Benjamin Eckstein, Tina Falkenstein and Luke Vaughn. The girlfriends are played by Denise Kless, Laura Spaziani and Rachel Jendrejewski.

Company is Produced and Directed by Josh Rubinger, Musical Direction by Courtney Fitch, choreographed by Professor of Dance, Leslie Norton, Stage Managed by Allison Willbanks with set design by Shauna Sweet and Clark Pettig and Costume design by Johanna Liias. Talented students of Hamilton College also comprise the pit orchestra playing keyboard, drums, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, saxophone, bass and flute.

Company will be performed December 2 at 8:30 and December 8 and 9 at 8:00 in the Events Barn. Admission is free.

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Company, directed and produced by Josh Rubinger, will be performed December 2 at 8:30 and December 8 and 9 at 8:00 in the Events Barn.

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Performing Arts

Hamilton College Orchestra to perform classical music

PRESS RELEASE

The Hamilton College Orchestra, under the direction of E. Michael Richards, will present a concert of works by Beethoven, Vivaldi, Holst, and Verdi on Tuesday, December 5, at 8 p.m. in Wellin Hall of the Schambach Center. Soloists for Vivaldi's *Concerto in A Minor for 2 Violins and Strings* will be Erin Foley (class of '01) and Alison Eckberg ('02). Ms. Foley is a double concentrator at Hamilton in music and creative writing. She has been a member of the College Orchestra and String Chamber Music program since 1997, and has studied violin at Hamilton with Vladimir Pritsker. Ms. Eckberg, from Saratoga Springs, is a geology concentrator at Hamilton. She has also been a member of the College Orchestra and String Chamber Music program, and has studied violin at Hamilton with Andrea Dawson and Drew Irvin.

Other works on the program include Beethoven's First Symphony, *Mars from The Planets of Gustav Holst*, and the final scene of *Act II (Triumphal March and Ballet)* from *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi. The Hamilton College Orchestra was founded in 1970 and has grown to include more than 70 students. The Orchestra has undertaken several concert tours within the last 12 years - one by invitation of the governments of Romania and Bulgaria to tour those countries for 14 days. The group has also been invited to perform in Japan, for which financing is currently being sought. The Orchestra has performed with internationally renowned bassist Bertram Turetzky; virtuoso performer of the Koto, Nanae Yoshimura; and commissioned and premiered new works for orchestra by Masataka Matsuo (Tokyo), Richard Boulanger, Jay Reise, Masao Honma, Harue Kunieda, P.Q. Phan , and Samuel Pellman, professor of music at Hamilton.

The Orchestra and Mr. Boulanger's work (for radio baton, computer, and orchestra) were featured on Syracuse CBS TV (Channel 5 News), and in an article by the Associated Press. Mr. Matsuo's work was recorded by the Orchestra for an Opus One CD (released Feb. 1996). A review in *Fanfare Magazine* (an international journal) said: "Hamilton College is a small liberal arts school of only 1,650 students; for them to field a seventy-piece symphony orchestra that can handle such a complex modern work is a staggering achievement." E. Michael Richards has conducted the Hamilton College Orchestra since 1984. He graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music, holds master's degrees from Yale University and Smith College, and earned a Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego. Richards has been recognized for his work as a conductor and clarinetist with a 1990 U.S./Japan Creative Artist Exchange Fellowship for a six-month residency in Japan. He received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship to study traditional Japanese music, and a residency at the Camargo Foundation in Cassis, France, to complete a book titled *The Clarinet of the Twenty-first Century*. He has performed as concerto soloist with the Syracuse Symphony and Shinsei Japan Philharmonic, and been recorded on the *NEUMA, Ninewinds, CRI, Mode, Opus One*, and *Capstone* labels. The Tanosaki-Richards Duo (clarinet/piano) has performed at eight international music festivals, as well as 20 colleges and universities, in the U.S. and Japan. Richards will conduct the Tokyo Philharmonic in June 2001.

For more information, call the Performing Arts ticket office at 859-4331

Student concert for voice and clarinet Saturday

PRESS RELEASE

The Hamilton College Department of Music will present a free student concert of voice and clarinet recitals on Saturday, December 2 at 7 pm at Wellin Hall the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. The concert will feature ten Hamilton College music students who will perform various works Fauré, Brahms, Handel, Weber, Bellini, Purcell, and others.

Each student performer auditioned before a panel of judges from the Hamilton College department of music and were selected to play in the concert. The students performing vocal works are: Margaret Pate '02, a mezzo soprano from Dedham, MA; Juliette Reiss '03, a soprano from Wynnewood, PA; Katyarina Efimenko '02, a soprano from Paradise Velley, AZ; Josh Rubinger '01, a tenor from Newton, MA; Emily Sensenbach '01, a soprano from Williamson, NY; David Kolb '02, a baritone from Clinton, NY; Erin Kress '03, a mezzo soprano from Rochester, NY; Jeannette Gould '02, a soprano from East Greenville, PA; and Adriana da Rosa '04, a soprano from Pokfulam, Hong Kong. Lisa Eramo '01, from Mohawk, NY, will perform a clarinet solo.

Margaret Pate, Juliette Reiss, Katyarina Efimenko, Josh Rubinger, and Emily Sensenbach are students of Anita Firman, insturctor of voice at Hamilton College. David Kolb, Erin Kress, Jeannette Gould, and Adriana da Rosa are students of Lauralyn Kolb, instrutor of voice at Hamilton College. Lisa Earmo is a student of Heather Johnsen, principal clarinetist with the Utica Symphony.

This concert begins ay 7 pm on Saturday, December 2. It is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. There will be a reception immediately following the performance. For more information, call the Performing Arts ticket office at 859-4331.

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Regular season gets underway for Squash; women's team dominates, men's team struggles

by Prashant Sadarangani '04
SPORTS WRITER

The much-anticipated squash season finally came underway, with the women's team receiving much of the limelight. The Hamilton women's team finished 18th last year in the Women's Inter-Collegiate Squash Championships.

The women's team began its season with two scrimmages, one against William Smith and the other against Colgate. Both these scrimmages were played on Hamilton squash courts and proved to be good practice for the players as they beat William Smith 8-1, with Co-captain Elizabeth Hurley '01 and Ashley Kennedy '04, getting past their rivals with great ease and confidence.

The second scrimmage, played just three days later was an even more impressive victory for the women as they destroyed Colgate, 9-0.

These scrimmages seemed to work well as the women began their regular season on the 18th of November, and beat a strong Vassar team 8-1. The win against Vassar was an impressive one, in which many of the younger players got to exhibit their talent. Tracy Nichols '03 got past Greta Lundberg, and Katie Poirier '04 also won her match with relative ease against Alexandra Ho.

Coach Jamie King was extremely satisfied with their performance, saying, "We have lost a number of seniors, but I am encouraged by the hard work ethic and talent in this team. I see them improving greatly as the season goes on."

After defeating Vassar their confidence was at a high level as they took on Tufts University, which has a squash program that has long been nationally respected.

The matches were extremely competitive and hard-fought, as Hurley and Kennedy each won their matches in four games, beating Anne Montesano and Abi Cushman, respectively.

Hamilton, however, lost 7-2, but the standard and level of squash played was extremely high. Thus, the women ended last week with a record of 1-1 as they head into this weekend's Wesleyan Invitational, a tournament that includes NESCAC powers Colby, Tufts, Wellesley and Mount Holyoke.

On the other hand, the men's squash team came into this season with a pre-season ranking of 29, which was the same ranking they ended off with last year. They played their first match at Vassar and ended up losing 9-0 to a team which had vast experience and extremely talented players. Despite the uneven score, Hamilton played well.

Captain Peter Safer '02 lost a tough battle against Andrew Schmidt and seniors Mike Van Linda and Alex Parlin were impressive as well.

Allen Erickson '01 fought back from a two-game deficit to win a game but eventually lost 15-11 in the fourth game.

Coach King said about the men's performance, "This is going to be a rebuilding year for us as we lost senior leadership from last year. The team is constantly improving and getting accustomed to the wider courts, which were used at Vassar. There are many new faces in the team and we are looking forward to our next game against Rochester at home this weekend, which I believe will be a competitive match."

Winter Sports Update

Men's Hockey:

by Chuck Spiliotis '03
SPORTS WRITER

Despite outshooting the 7th-ranked Eagles of Elmira 45-28, the Conts dropped their third straight, by the score of 7-4. Coming off a pair of home losses at the hands of Bowdoin and Colby to open the year, Hamilton was desperate to break into the win column.

The Conts came out aggressively finding many scoring opportunities early on and even catching the post on two occasions, but could not find the back of the net. Instead, Elmira took an early 1-0 lead with a goal at the 2:10 mark, and finished the opening frame with a 3-0 advantage.

Hamilton cut the lead to 3-1 at the 1:27 in the second, when senior forwara Sean Smith tallied his first of two goals, from Jeff Corey '04 and Vic Cizmarik '01. But Elmira would not let up, as Ryan Baker lit the light twice in the period, extending the Eagle lead to 5-1.

The third period saw defenseman Steve Aubuchon '03 tally a short-handed goal at the 4:38 from Cizmarik and Rob Gordon '03, but Elmira's Rob Godfrey answered, recording his second and third goals of the contest, to give the visitors a 7-2 advantage. The Continentals would find the net twice more in the period (Corey, Smith), but it was not enough, as Elmira improved its record to 4-6-0.

Hamilton will travel to Massachusetts College on Friday and Williams on Saturday, to try and earn their first victory of the season.

Women's Hockey:

by Louisa Smith '01
SPORTS WRITER

The women's hockey team started their season off with a 6-0 shutout of Buffulo State at Sage Rink. With 58 shots on goal, Hamilton's offense proved that are able to dominate a game and that the Continentals' season will be promising.

Paula Dady '03, Meghan Stasz '03, Lauren Spoon '01, and Alex Circa '04 all scored goals and demonstrated Hamilton's impressive offensive power while goalie Jen Kroleski '03 stayed focused and worked especially hard in the third period to secure the shut out.

Coach Shanon Bryant noted that the win was "a nice way to start out the season" and was the "first step towards the team's goal of making the playoffs."

This weekend, the team opens its NESCAC season at home. After a week of practice, the Continentals are looking forward to seeing how they fare against Trinity and Amherst.

Swimming:

by Jared Frank '01
SPORTS WRITER

Hamilton College men's and women's swim teams are off to a promising start as they swam against Hartwick and Ithaca on the 18th of November. The men's team defeated Hartwick with a final tally of 130-102. They had first place finishes in eight out of twelve events. Against Ithaca the men posted a score of 128-110. With first place finishes in the 400 Medley re-

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Miller's funny business on Monday Night Football leads to tension in booth, annoyance among fans

BRETT ZALASKI

The Point After

Al Michaels. Keith Jackson. Howard Cosell. Chris Berman. Bob Costas. Pat Summerall. John Miller. Marv Albert.

John Madden. Phil Simms. Joe Morgan. Harold Reynolds. Bob Uecker. Dan Fouts. Bill Walton. Walt "Clyde" Frazier.

Dennis Miller?

In a typical major athletic broadcast, there are two types of announcers; the play-by-play broadcaster, and the color commentator. In most cases there are two people in the booth, but if there are three, it is always two color, one play-by-play.

"What are you getting at?" you might ask. Good question. Since the announcement that Dennis Miller was going to join ABC's Monday Night Football lineup this past summer, there have been mixed reactions regarding the announcement and Miller's performance thus far. Fans of Miller and some of just football in general have applauded the announcement.

They have said that his smart comedy is just what MNF needs to liven up its telecasts. By adding Miller, ABC hoped to change the viewer's attitude towards football. Though MNF has been the highest rated show on the air pretty much since its inception, the female viewer and the non-football fan were never interested in the program. By putting a well-known and well-liked comedian in the booth ABC has attempted to grab those non-viewers away from Ally McBeal and Monday Night Raw.

While it is true that MNF has its best ratings since the Howard Cosell era, Miller has been terrible. MNF has been helped by the tremendously exciting games it has had so far, and yet Miller has detracted from every game he has announced.

His comedy is scripted and unimaginative, his criticisms sound ludicrous, since he has never played before, and his compliments are generic.

Al Michaels has been his usual outstanding self. He remains one of the finest play-by-play announcers on any station, in any sport.

Dan Fouts has been a welcome addition to the booth. As one of the smartest quarterbacks of the last generation, he has had some tremendous insight to the inner workings of the game. He is not as brash as Boomer Esiason was, and he is not as far removed from the modern game as Dan Dierdorf was.

The fault lies with Miller. Miller's now infamous rants have taken away from the action of the game. Every time he talks, it seems as if Fouts gets more and more frustrated by the fact that he is sitting next to a comedian.

Fouts' actions are justified though. By hiring Miller ABC has become the first station to hire a comedian on a permanent basis. Comedians have been in the booth before, but usually as guests during a smaller portion of a broadcast. By hiring a comedian, ABC has looked over many other deserving people. I mean, how would Miller feel if instead of offering him a comedy show during prime time, a major network instead offered it to Magic Johnson? Oh wait, that has already happened, and failed miserably. The Miller experiment is headed in the same direction.

As an aspiring sports writer/sports announcer, I would be offended if I lost a job to Chris Rock, Adam Sandler, or any other comedian trying to jumpstart their stagnant careers.

Dennis Miller has his own TV show on HBO, he has been in numerous movies, and has hosted numerous awards shows.

His stand-up comedic performances have always been well received, and his CD's have always sold well.

Jumping into the announcing field was not the next career move. Has he received more attention because of it? Yes. Is this all positive attention? No.

While Al Michaels, Dan Fouts, and every other announcer are attempting to make a career out of announcing, Dennis Miller is attempting to make a comeback through announcing. That is a gross misuse of pure announcing. Announcing at its purest and best form takes is tandems like John Madden and Pat Summerall, and Bob Costas and Joe Morgan.

Dennis Miller is funny, there is no doubt. He was funny when he hosted the ESPN ESPY. He is not funny as the wisecracking, ranting third wheel on Monday Night Football.

If this is not Miller's last season MNF will slowly begin to fall. Not only will the attention gained by Miller diminish, but people will stop listening just to hear what he has to say, because they have heard it already.

Game by game, Miller gets worse, and it has detracted from perhaps the greatest Monday Night Football season of our generation. Games have been won on last-second field goals, last-second drives, and balls caught off the backs of other players.

If this is not Miller's last season, my football watching will be limited to Sunday afternoons. The greatness of the game is made annoying by the scripted, obnoxious humor of a man in search of resurgence.

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lay, 200 Fly, 1000 free, 100 free, 200 free, 200 back, 50 free, 200 IM and first place finishes in the one and three meter diving. The men's team moves to 2-0 on the season.

The women's team defeated Hartwick by a score of 135-106. The women placed first in the 400 medley relay, 100 free, 50 free, 200 IM, 200 breast and in both one and three meter diving.

Unfortunately the women's team fell to the Ithaca Bombers by a score of 151-91.5. They recorded 4 first place finishes in their defeat. The women's team record is 1-1.

Both men's and women's team feel confident as they look to improve their records as Hamilton College hosts the UCAA Tournament this weekend.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome **Sports Editors, Chris, Jim, or Andy, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

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NFL						
Dallas at Tampa Bay 12/3	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs
Denver at New Orleans 12/3	Broncos	Broncos	Saints	Broncos	Broncos	Saints
Miami at Buffalo 12/3	Dolphins	Bills	Bills	Bills	Dolphins	Dolphins
N.Y. Giants at Washington 12/3	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Giants
St. Louis at Carolina 12/3	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams
Tennessee at Philadelphia 12/3	Titans	Eagles	Titans	Eagles	Titans	Eagles
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets 12/3	Colts	Jets	Jets	Jets	Colts	Colts
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NBA						
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Philadelphia at Cleveland 12/3	Sixers	Sixers	Sixers	Cavaliers	Sixers	Sixers
Portland at Houston 12/3	Blazers	Blazers	Blazers	Blazers	Blazers	Blazers
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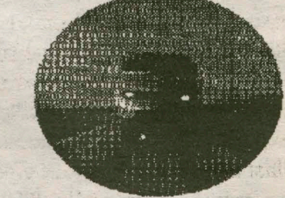

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Chiaputti's return, seven freshmen give Women's Basketball depth and talent

by Chris Preston '03
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off a turbulent 1999-2000 campaign, the women's basketball team has a simple goal this season: finish above .500. Easy, right? Not necessarily. After finishing with an overall record of 6-19 last year, the Lady Continentals hope to merely work their way back to respectability.

So far, they are off to a good start. Double-digit wins over Wesleyan and at cross-town rival Utica have catapulted the Continentals to a 2-0 start.

The key to the Continentals' fast start has been guard/forward Brenna Chiaputti '02, who played in just six games her sophomore season due to a torn ACL.

In the 75-63 win over Wesleyan, back on November 18, Chiaputti led the team in scoring with 21 points, showing no signs of rust despite not having played in a college game in almost a year.

Her impressive play continued at Utica this past Tuesday night in a 78-59 Continental romp. Chiaputti led four players in double figures with 14 points on an impressive six of eight shooting. Guard Jenny Russell '02, the Conts' leading returning scorer, and 6'2" freshman center Holly Erick chipped in 13 points apiece, while fellow freshman forward Jen Munoz added 14 points and eight rebounds.

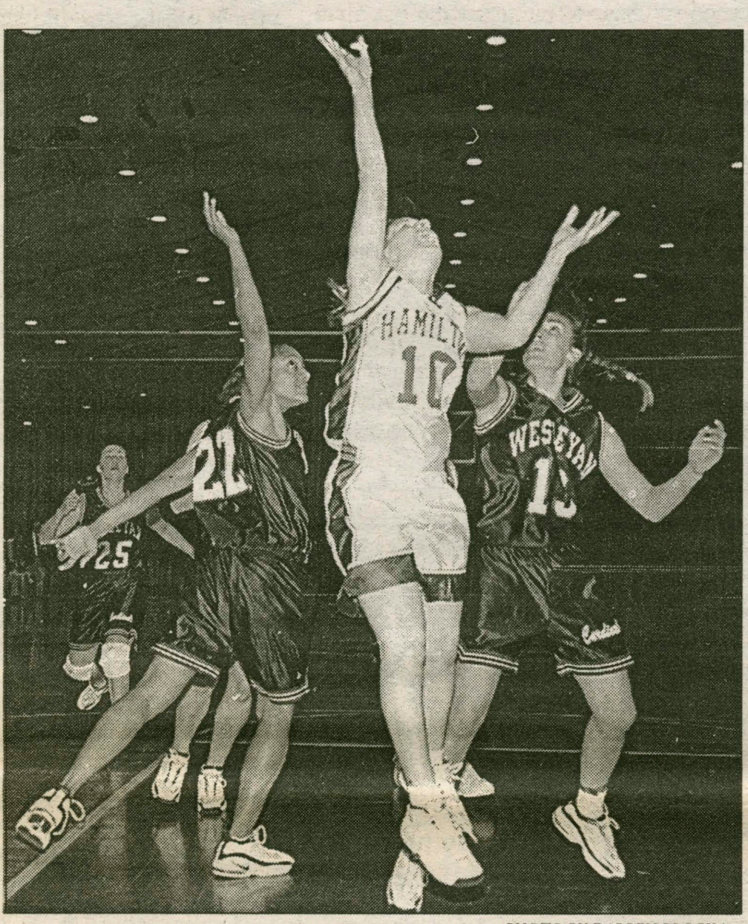

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Guard Jenny Russell '02 weaves her way through a pair of Wesleyan defenders for the layup.

Russell's 13 points was most impressive considering all of them came in the first half. Russell did not play in the second half after suffering a minor injury.

As evidenced by the balanced attack they displayed against Utica, the Continentals are a much deeper team than last year, mainly due to the additions of a healthy Chiaputti and a whopping seven freshmen.

"We have a lot of kids we can roll through," Coach Julie Diehl commented. "We're a better rebounding team than last year, with lots of size and speed. In the past we've been vertically challenged."

With three of the freshmen exceeding six feet in height, the best of them being Erick, height should not be a problem for the women. However, the abundance of freshmen does seem to present an obvious problem-inexperience. Other than her team's youth, Coach Diehl only has a few concerns about her team.

"The defense looks better (than last year) but we can always improve," Coach Diehl said. "Decision-making on the offensive end could use some improvement as well."

Thus far, however, the Continentals' opponents have been unable to expose those weaknesses. The team's talent, depth, and rebounding edge have gone a long way in covering up such flaws.

The defeat of Utica avenged last year's loss by the Continentals in the two teams' season opener. More importantly, it served as a measuring stick for just how improved these Continentals are, especially considering how lopsided the game turned out to be.

Things should get a little tougher for the women this weekend, though. They will travel to Nazareth on Saturday to participate in the four-team Narareth Tournament. The other participants will be UPitt-Bradford, New Rochelle, and host Nazareth. Coach Diehl hopes her team continues its pursuit of achieving its primary goal.

"We want to, at the very least, get above .500 this year. We're gaining more confidence as a team."

2-0 is certainly a step in the right direction.

Women's Cross-country finishes 15th at NCAA's

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team ended its season on a positive note by achieving its goal of finishing 16th or better at the NCAA Championships in Spokane, Washington, on November 18. Nevertheless, the team did not have its best meet of the season.

As co-captain Elizabeth Guancial '01 explained, "Although we would have liked to have done better than 15th, we were satisfied that we finished in the top 16. Overall, it was a great experience. Washington and Idaho were a blast and NCAA's was a great way to end my career. I also think the freshmen learned a lot about competing in big meets."

Annie Toth '02 was straightforward about the team's performance, adding, "No one ran well except for Kate Nelson '01."

Although the team was 3000 miles from Clinton, the weather conditions for the meet were very similar-cloudy skies and 35 degrees with snow on the course.

The team finished 15th overall with 388 points, fourth in the Atlantic Region, third in the NYSCTC, and third in the NESCAC behind national champion Middlebury College and runner-up Williams College.

Leading the team for the sixth week in a row, Nelson ended her first and last season by finishing twelfth overall with a time of 18:31.8, 35 seconds behind the winner from Luther College, Johanna Olsen.

Nelson actually finished 19th overall, but for team scoring, seven of the runners ahead of her did not count because they competed as individuals and not as part of a team. Her finish earned her All-American honors, a feat that has only been surpassed by Maggie Hanson's '02 fifth place finish at last year's NCAA's.

Jen Cammarano '03, slowed by a nagging calf injury for the second week in a row, finished 58th with a time of 19:18.2. Freshmen Alyson Grant and Sarah Bardenett finished 89th and 91st, respectively, with times of 19:37.1 and 19:39.

Rounding out the top five was Christine Campbell '04, who finished 138th with a time of 20:11, while Guancial finished 147th with a time of 20:21.6. Toth, regularly the team's fifth runner, dropped out of the meet after the second mile because of an aggravated foot injury.

Guancial added, "The first mile was very fast, and we had trouble focusing on our race plan and adjusting to the size of the meet (210 runners)."

This year's team has had a tremendous season despite injuries to most of the runners sometime during the season. As Guancial said, "It seemed like almost every week someone was stricken with a new injury."

Although the team will be losing Nelson, Guancial, and co-captain Emily Hill '01 to graduation, there is a very solid group of returning runners for next season: 1999 All-Americans Hanson and Toth, Cammarano, and the impressive freshman quartet of Grant, Bardenett, Campbell, and Lauren Perkins.

With the kind of talent that this group possesses, making a third consecutive trip to NCAA's is definitely within reach, especially since there will again be five teams from the Atlantic Region that will qualify for NCAA's.

Not only did the team have a superb season athletically but also academically, as Guancial, Toth, and Cammarano were selected to the 2000 NESCAC Fall All-Academic Team. The other two women selected were volleyball players. A 3.5 GPA and sophomore standing are two of the requirements for selection.

The team overcame adversity all season long, and joined last year's team as the two best teams in the team's history. Now most of the team will try to continue its winning ways in indoor track and field.

Men's Soccer ends greatest season ever with 3-0 loss to Messiah

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over just a bit, and Dave Alchus '04 picked up a red card. This left Hamilton a man down, and the Falcons turned their offensive intensity up a notch higher.

Even with only 10 players on the field, the Continentals were able to keep the Falcons at bay. However, with just 16 second left in the contest, Messiah pounded home a meaningless goal, which provided the final score of 3-0.

"We had the bad luck to run intc the best Division III team in the country in the year 2000," commented Nizzi.

And indeed, the Falcons were the best. Tney advanced to the Final Four, where they used their potent offense to notch a 3-2 victory over Linfield. Messiah then advanced to the championship game and dispatched Rowan on the strength of a 2-0 shutout.

"In order for us to have won that game we needed to play 90 minutes of our best soccer," said Paine, "and unfortunately that didn't happen for us. We have nothing to be ashamed of though. "

Thus Hamilton's superb season came to end against the eventual champion. The players have every right to feel proud of their accomplishments, as they made the NCAA Tournament for the first time, and experienced a great deal of success against the top teams in the country. Their victories over SUNY Plattsburgh and archrival St. Lawrence were thrillers that gave the Continentals their first tastes of postseason victory.

The leadership of the team's four seniors, Paine, Bugliari, Steed and goalie James Cole '01 was instrumental in the success of the youthful Hamilton squad.

Stellar play from Bellard, forward Sky Gellatly '03 (9 goals), Huynh, and Nick Wilson '02 also helped the Continentals establish what should prove to be a tradition of soccer excellence here on the Hill.

"We are losing four incredibly dedicated seniors, but we have enough younger players to fill their positions," explained Nizzi, "and our incredible year will probably help in our recruiting. The negative aspect of our performance this year is that we won't be able to sneak up on teams anymore."

"It was a great season," summed up Paine, "and I'm very proud of how hard everyone worked this year to establish a benchmark for Hamilton soccer in the years to come."

Indeed, the Continentals have established themselves as one of the teams to beat in the Northeast Region. They will likely be ranked second or third in this region next year, as well as in the top fifteen in the country.

All in all, it was a superb season of soccer here at Hamilton College. Thanks to the foundation set by this year's team, it is also likely to be remembered as the first of many successful campaigns.

Sports

Men's Soccer ends super season with hard-fought loss to eventual NCAA Champion Messiah College

by Andy Horner '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

There is always someone out there who is better than you are. It's one of the oldest adages in sports, and also one of the truest. Unfortunately, this wise saying was recently proved correct once again, when the Hamilton men's soccer team found itself faced with an extraordinarily skilled and determined opponent in the Quarterfinals of the Division III NCAA Tournament.

Messiah College brought an impressive 19-2-1 record to snow-covered Love Field, as well as a large contingent of rowdy fans. In the end however, it was their superb skill and discipline, along with some misfortune for the Continentals, which allowed the Falcons to escape the Hill with a 3-0 victory.

The game began with superb play by both teams, and the contest appeared to be very evenly matched. Both the Continentals and the Falcons had good scoring opportunities during the first 20 minutes, but neither squad was able to capitalize.

"I wasn't totally sure how we would come out," commented Chris Steed '01, "but I was very impressed with the intensity with which we started the game."

The good start would end, however, in the 23rd minute when Hamilton was called for a foul just outside of the penalty box. This gave the Falcons a restart directly in front of the goal, and they took full advantage. A hard shot beat Hamilton keeper Doug Bellard '02, and the Falcons had a 1-0 lead.

The goal disheartened the Continentals, who found themselves facing a one goal deficit and an extremely able Messiah goalkeeper. However, far from throwing in the towel, they continued to battle against the relentless Messiah attack.

"We had talked about what to do if they scored before us, and we knew we had to get the ball out of the net and keep playing hard," Steed explained, "and I definitely thought that we would get the goal back. We had our chances, but didn't catch the breaks."

As the first half came to a close, the Continentals had succeeded in keeping Messiah from adding to their lead. However, disaster suddenly struck in the form of injury. Just before the half ended, Hamilton's leading scorer and co-captain Steed went down with an injury to his arm, and was forced to leave the game.

Halftime for the Continentals was spent regrouping and worrying about the condition of Steed, as doctors suspected that his arm could be broken.

"It was a very difficult time, because we had worked so hard to keep the score 1-0 in the first half," said Hamilton coach Perry Nizzi, "and then the doctors were thinking his arm was broken. We had lost a great player and we were worried."

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Hamilton's Andrew Paine '01 denies a Messiah player the ball during the Continentals' 3-0 loss to the Falcons.

These factors contributed to the Continentals coming out very flat at the beginning of the second half. Steed's injury left a hole in the Hamilton midfield, and the high-powered Messiah offense wasted no time in attacking this opening. With a little over a minute gone by in the second half, a Messiah forward found the back of the Hamilton net, giving the Falcons a 2-0 lead.

Nizzi summed up the importance of the second goal saying, "Their second goal really killed us."

The normally stingy Hamilton defense looked suddenly vulnerable, and this was mainly due to the incredible versatility of the Messiah lineup.

"We really shut their forwards down," commented defender Dave Bugliari '01, "but there was so much pressure coming from their midfield and defense that it was impossible to contain them all. [Andrew] Paine ['01] and I knew right away that this team would run all day on us, and they did."

Without Steed, the Continentals had difficulty setting up their offense, and were unable to present a serious threat to the Falcons.

However, the Hamilton defense improved as the half went on, and the core of Huy Huynh '03, Paine, and Bugliari was able to hold off the Messiah attackers effectively. Bellard also made a few great saves to keep the score close.

"They were very intense up and down the field," said Steed, "and we couldn't make the transition through the midfield into our offense."

With just under nine minutes left in the contest, the Continentals' frustration boiled

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Kris Fudge, Jim McCarthy lead Men's Basketball to victory over Hartwick as team remains perfect

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Three up and three down. The men's basketball team has started its 2000-2001 season in style with three straight victories.

Two seniors came to the rescue for the Continentals on Wednesday night. Kris Fudge '01 and Jim McCarthy '01 led the Continentals to their third win of the season over Hartwick College, 81-72.

After trailing Hartwick at the 39-36 at the half, the Continentals came out firing and outscored Hartwick 45-33 in the second half. McCarthy scored a career high 26 points, including eight three-pointers. He shot a remarkable 8-11 from three-point land to lead the team in scoring.

Fudge also shot well from the field (7-8) scoring 14 points and grabbing seven rebounds. He and McCarthy helped lead the Continentals' second-half comeback.

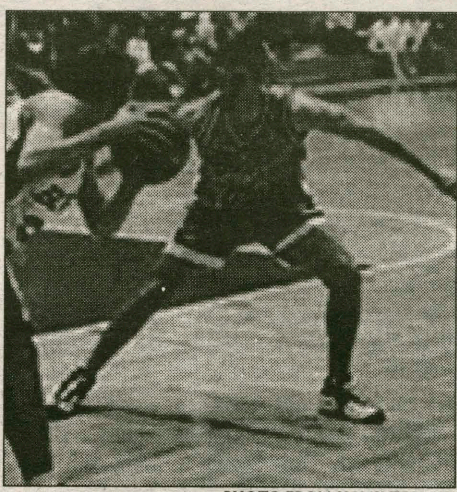
"We are coming together and playing very well early in the season," said Fudge. "If we continue to play defense the way we have, we will be tough to beat this season."

But the Continentals season began the weekend before its victory over Hartwick. The team traveled to California over the Thanksgiving break to play in the "West Coast Classic."

The tournament featured four teams: Pomona-Pitzer, Claremont Mudd-Scripps, MaCalester, and Hamilton. The Continentals had played in the tournament three years ago and lost both games. But this time, things would go differently.

In their season opener last Friday, the Continentals destroyed Claremont, 70-47. The Continentals were led by McCarthy's 4-three pointers and Driggs' 3-three pointers in the 23 point victory. Junior Justin Stolarczyk played one of his best all-around games for Hamilton scoring eight points and grabbing nine rebounds.

Senior Mike Harrison also did a great job in the win scoring four points, hauling down seven rebounds, and four steals. The Continentals led Claremont 31-25 at the end of the first half, but went on a 20-0 run early in the second half to put the game out of reach.



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Jimmy McCarthy '01 scored a career-high 26 points on Wednesday.

Hamilton was helped tremendously by its pressure defense, which led to many turnovers, which the Continentals converted into many scoring opportunities. Driggs and Harrison combined for nine steals, which led to many fast-break points.

Hamilton shot fifty percent (28-56) from the field while holding Claremont to 30% percent shooting (15-49) from the floor. The Continentals also outrebounded the taller Stags 38-31 and also had a very well balanced scoring attack.

Every Continental contributed to the victory and 13 different players scored in the offensive onslaught.

The Continentals finished their California roadtrip in winning fashion with a 61-58 victory over the Pomona-Pitzer StageHens. The Continentals were led by Fudge, who scored 18 points, grabbed seven rebounds, had three blocks, and two steals.

Fudge's two free throws late in the game helped Hamilton seal the victory. Sophomore center Joe Finley also helped lead the Continentals to victory finishing with 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Harrison gave another solid effort scoring six points, six rebounds, and four steals, while senior guard Brendan Ferretti added 11 points.

The team is now 3-0 and heads to Colby this weekend looking to extend its winning streak.